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Vale voters head for polls in 2015 general election

AS The GEM went to press, voters in the Vale of Glamorgan were preparing to go to the polls in the general election.

This year, the candidates represent established parties, new challengers, and those who want to highlight key issues.

Polling booths will be open from 7am to 10pm today (Thursday).

The 2015 general election has been labelled the most difficult one to call for many years.

The Vale is a microcosm of the general election itself

because it doesn't come into the category of a 'safe seat' - which means every candidate will have hopes of making their mark.

In recent years, politicians have been worried about the turnout in general elections - concerned that low numbers of votes signify apathy and a lack of engagement in the political process.

In the Vale in 1997, the turnout was 80 per cent - but by 2001 it had dropped to 66.7 per cent. The last two general elections have seen an increase in turnout - 68.9 in 2005 and 69.3 per cent in 2010.

The Vale's count takes place at Barry Leisure Centre - with a result likely, but not guaranteed, between 2am and 4am. Of course, if there is a recount, it could be considerably later.

Some people will stay up until the 'wee small hours' to watch events unfold on TV - others will wake up the next morning to a new Government, or possibly reports that parties have started to haggle over coalitions or minority rule.

The following candidates are standing for election in the Vale:

Alan Herbert
Armstrong - The Green Party;

Alun Cairns - Welsh Conservative Party;

Chris Elmore - Welsh Labour;

Ian James Johnson - Plaid Cymru;

Kevin Phillip
Mahoney - UKIP;

David Morgan - Welsh Liberal Democrats;

Steve Reed -

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YOUTH TEAM'S CUP TRIUMPH!



Cowbridge RFC youth team recently lifted the East District Cup.
(See full report on the back page).

COWBRIDGE FAMILY'S FEARS ABOUT NEPAL AFTER EARTHQUAKE

A COWBRIDGE family has spent an anxious week trying to find out if relatives and friends in Kathmandu were still alive after the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal.

Their concern was for all the people they knew there, and also for three schools that their charity - funded by people in the Vale - has built over the last 10 years.

Samantha Allen lived in Kathmandu for several years with her Nepalese husband Raju Tamang, before moving back to Cowbridge in 2012.

Samantha first visited Nepal in 2004, and subsequently went back with her father

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

David. When he returned to the Vale, the enthusiastic reaction to talks that he gave to various organisations led to the setting up of their charity.

She met Raju, who was a guide on treks to Everest base camp, and they married in a Buddhist ceremony in June 2006. They returned to Cowbridge in 2012 when Samantha was pregnant with their little girl Rosalie.

Samantha told The GEM: "We knew Nepal was at risk of an earthquake but it was still such a shock when it happened."

When the devastating news broke, the rest of the day was spent frantically trying

to get news of family and friends. Eventually, a family member posted on Facebook that everyone was safe and unharmed.

"It was an enormous relief," said Raju.

Efforts then turned to searching for news from Raju's parents' village in a rural region, north-east of Kathmandu called Dolakha.

David said: "Over the years, Vale residents have been incredibly supportive of our small charity that operates in Dolakha and Kathmandu.

"We are happy to report that most of the families and children we support have been accounted for."

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An example that heartens the soul

LAST Saturday, April 25, we were making our way home along Llanmaes Road after a day's cycling, when Enid had an unfortunate accident ending up on the road, inextricably tangled in her bicycle.

By the time I had turned to see what had happened, help was already arriving in the form of a host of passing guardian angels.

As is usual at such times, one can never remember exactly who was there, but we had

every help anyone could wish for at such a moment – everything from knowledgeable help in giving Enid the best support possible, to calm traffic management.

All this was done with great care and consideration – help so freely given. So many people stayed with us until emergency services arrived, which was a considerable time.

So through the pages of The GEM, may we express our deep gratitude to you all for your help: an example that heartens the soul. **Phil and Enid Bennion, Llantwit Major.**

Penny drops on library closures

I WAS very interested to read the comments of Roul Duke (readers' letters April 23 – 'Why I will not be volunteering for the libraries').

Having originally offered the view that he would be prepared to consider volunteering for the libraries, he is now saying that he will not volunteer.

Mr Duke is fortunate that this will make no difference to his own local library in Barry, which is unaffected by the community libraries' decision. Those using Rhosne, Dinas Powys, Sulley, Wenvoe and St Athan libraries are much less fortunate in that if we say we will not volunteer, our much-loved library services will be closed by the council.

My issue is not with Mr Duke, or indeed, the many people from Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major, who said in the most recent consultation that they

were in favour of the village libraries becoming community libraries, even though their own libraries were excluded from those plans.

My issue is with the Vale Council, who engineered a mandate for their proposals by taking into account the 'votes' of the users of the town libraries, presenting the results as a 50/50 split and giving themselves the green light to say "you run it or we will close it", to users of the village libraries.

I believe the whole consultation process was flawed and biased and intended to produce a pre-ordained outcome, ie removal of the village libraries from the council budget.

I look forward to the day the council will be forced to withdraw these plans and come up with some genuine alternatives to save money that have service cuts as a last resort, rather than a first resort. **Adam Riley, East Atherthaw.**

'Make your vote count'

AS it is polling day today (Thursday), I thought I would write in to remind people why they should vote.

We live in a democracy – we have the right to vote for whoever we want in a free and fair election, which many other countries do not allow.

If you don't vote, you are seen as invisible, dismissed as apathetic, and assumed not to care.

Furthermore, decision makers are less likely to take the views of non-voters into consideration than those who do vote. You should not give up your right to vote – your vote counts, so use it! **Richard Bertin, Barry.**

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ASH RECYCLING PLANT: questions to be answered

I'VE been trying to get some more information about the proposal to build an ash recycling plant at the eastern end of Barry docks, but my telephone message to the council remains unanswered.

Recycling ash makes sense, and the much-needed jobs to our town would be welcomed, but I have some concerns with the proposal.

Transporting thousands of tonnes of ash from Cardiff via the Dinas Powys route seems senseless, when there is plenty of space at Cardiff dock near the incinerator plant to recycle the waste.

I'd like to know more about the ash dust that is likely to be blown by the wind, but my big worry is the volume of large lorries shuttling along the A4055: I calculate about 16 each day, that's 32 heavy lorry movements.

The aggregate and metal produced from the recycling will then have to be delivered over south Wales, creating more lorry movements, I



estimate roughly another 16 lorries making a total of about 64 traffic movements a day through congested roads and junctions.

Of course, it will not happen like that, it is more likely that distributing the finished product will be less frequent and more concentrated.

These figures do not take into account the unknown additional traffic movements from the proposed wood-fired renewable energy plant further along the dock.

Two reports which studied the consequences of house building on our roads say our main highway cannot cope.

The Waterfront Transport Assessment 2009 identified several junctions along this route which were forecast to exceed theoretical capacity within the next five years – with the Palmerston Road

junction being already over capacity.

More recently an LDP Highway Impact Assessment, 2013, revealed that six junctions along the A4055: Ffordd y Mileniwm/Cardiff Road; the Biglis roundabout; Dinas Powys School junction; the Merry Harriers, and the Cogan Spur junctions would be over capacity in 10 years' time.

Unsurprisingly, four of these junctions were found to be over capacity already.

These studies are not exactly bedtime reading and I am no expert in these matters, but the public will need reassurance before planning permission is granted for the ash recycling plant at Wimbourne Road. **Dennis Harkus (FocusBARRY member)**

'The Vale will be a sprawling suburbia'

THE process of writing the LDP that will run until 2026, will not be completed until 2017.

The pages of this newspaper have shown that developers have wasted no time in building on greenfield sites, while moving very slowly on brownfield sites where development is wanted; for example, Barry Waterfront.

Clearly developers are interested in profit and not communities.

Developers have been granted planning permission so quickly that it seems 10,000 dwellings will be added to the Vale many years before the LDP expires in 2026.

The LDP may be obsolete before it

becomes a legal document.

Despite the allocation at St Nicholas being criticised by the Welsh Government, Redrow are pushing ahead with their development plans.

If the Welsh Government is publicly questioning a development site, surely the full LDP adoption process needs to take place before planning permission is granted?

Before 2026, the Vale will be sprawling, car-dependent suburbia, with the associated problems.

And the developers will have sucked huge profits out of our communities, while putting very little back. **Ryan Collins, St Nicholas.**

Dog mess is still a problem in Llantwit

LANTWIT MAJOR is being used as a huge dog toilet. This is mainly because there are a number of irresponsible dog owners who stroll around Llantwit without their dogs on a lead.

They can't see their dogs running over people's gardens, leaving their poo everywhere.

Not only is this irresponsible, it's against the law. I have noticed some of the culprits live on Acorn caravan site.

(Name and address supplied).

'GEM showed bias with right to reply'

YET again, I have read your paper in utter despair at the depths of your bias and subjective reporting.

I refer to the letter from Coun Lis Burnett and the surprising right to reply afforded to Mr Alun Cairns.

Numerous letters printed during the past 12 months have challenged the input, involvement or engagement of councillors or AMs and even, on occasion letters have challenged our First Minister.

However, not once, have I read that immediately following these letters, a right to reply has been readily given to any of these political activists by The GEM?

Perhaps I am woefully mistaken, but I am perplexed that, on this occasion, you have again, shown clear bias to Mr Cairns.

Perhaps you need to come clean and simply

rename your paper as the Tory Chronicle!

As print media is falling and those who cannot afford internet access rely on newspapers like yours, I would have thought you would try harder to be the seeker of truth and justice that we expect!

I also would have hoped, that having read and responded to the letters regarding the recent wrap-around paid for by the Tories, you would have learnt a lesson, clearly not!

Belinda Robertson, Rhosne Point.

GEM NOTE:

The GEM consistently gives the right of reply, in one form or another, either at the time or in a subsequent issue.

On this occasion, in line with our usual even-handed approach, it was fair to give Mr Cairns an opportunity to reply before people went to the polls – so that both sides had their say.

We are content to let our readers form their own opinion on The GEM's long-standing political neutrality.

Do locals count in planning discussions?

WILL the financially strong housing developers bulldoze their approvals through, despite Vale residents' protests?

Is there any need for the Vale Council to have a planning department and committee when, it seems, any planning application by a large developer is approved – no matter how much it conflicts with Planning Policy Wales?

Despite comments by the Welsh Government that the sites at Bonvilston and St Nicholas are too large

and too far from services, it seems that planning policy will once again be forgotten at the request of a wealthy developer.

In the coming week, we will discover if our council listens to our views when the LDP goes before the cabinet, or if our representations were a waste of our time because developers and landowners, assisted by the council, have already decided what is to be built where, with no consideration of local needs or Planning Policy Wales.

Chris Williams, St Nicholas.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
07 Thur	09.12	9.4	21.29	9.5
08 Fri	09.49	9.4	22.10	9.2
09 Sat	10.31	9.1	22.57	9.0
10 Sun	11.24	8.7	23.50	8.5
11 Mon			12.21	8.3
12 Tues	00.59	8.3	13.37	8.2
13 Wed	02.16	8.3	14.56	8.3
14 Thur	03.28	8.6	16.06	8.8

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Cor Meibion y Machlud in concert for LATCH

LOCAL residents are being invited to 'Sing into Spring' at a charity concert with Cor Meibion Y Machlud and guests on May 13 at 7.30pm in Cowbridge United Free Church.

The locally-based male voice choir will again be under the baton of musical director Eifion G Davies, who has returned to conduct it during the coming months.

The choir will sing a varied programme of well known Welsh favourites such as 'Hafan Gobaith', 'Deus Saluti' and 'Gwahoddiaid', together with some items designed to encourage the audience to sing along.

Special guests will also be making a contribution.

They include Hannah Morgan and Nia Brown, who have both sung previously with the choir, and also David Maybury.

Since the recent appearance on TV in the S4C programme 'Heno', this will be the choir's first public performance in

Cowbridge, and should you wish to have an opportunity to hear the choir and to listen to the soloists why not come to the concert and support the Llandough Hospital-based charity 'LATCH'.

Tickets are now on sale at £5 from a number of local venues, and may also be obtained from the choir members and members of the United Free Church, as well as at the door on the night of the concert.

Refreshments are included and will be available at the conclusion of the concert.

If you enjoy singing at the event, you may be tempted to come along to one of the choir's regular Monday evening practices.

They are held from 7.30pm-9pm at Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg in Llanbleddian, where you will be warmly welcomed.

RICHARD
KENNARD

Polling station in local garage



The polling station at Llyswoorney.

MR CHRIS BALL, proprietor of Llyswoorney Garage in Church Street, Llyswoorney, has agreed to allow the siting of a polling station on the forecourt of his garage, so that the residents can cast their votes in the Vale parliamentary election today (May 7).

He stepped into the breach when the council failed to secure the use of the previous location at the rear of the Carne Arms public house.

The garage will be closing on May 21 until July 6, when Chris and

his wife Linda fly off to Bermuda on holiday. They will be visiting their daughter Katie, son-in-law Adam and one-year-old grandson Charlie.

The GEM will be available for collection as usual in The GEM box on the porch of the garage while it is closed.

Chris has recently obtained planning permission for the construction of three dwellings on the land currently occupied by Llyswoorney Garage, but he wishes to emphasise to all his customers that, contrary to current rumour and speculation, he has no plans to retire in the near future. The garage will remain open for business as usual

after his return in July.

He said: "Thank you to all our customers, past and present, for their custom and support over the last 50 years since the garage was established in 1965."



COMMUNITY NEWS

Your local correspondent is
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**TREES, LLANGAN
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Quilting
WHILE driving through Llangan village, I spotted cars parked near the entrance to St Canna's, so decided to investigate.

On walking through the open door, I could hear voices coming from the vestry, where four ladies were engrossed in the fine art of quilting.

It is quite a small group with members from Barry and Llantwit Major, plus Treos Resford, Helen Morgan.

For more information, contact www.oldschoolroom.org.uk.

Saron Chapel
THE next service at Saron Chapel in Treos will take place on Sunday, May 10 at 3pm. I do not have the name of the officiating cleric, but everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

There will be no YAH Club meetings today (Thursday, May 7) as the hall is used for polling. The following Thursday, May 14 club members are away for lunch.

Where has it gone?

I REFER to the peace and tranquillity which I once enjoyed on my frequent visits to a friend whose life has now become a nightmare.

During the summer months we could sit in the garden with her dogs and her peacock -

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U3A's Gloucester visit covers castles - and cure by cowpox!

MEMBERS of Cowbridge U3A History Group recently visited Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire, probably best known as the traditional location of the murder of King Edward II.

The gruesome version of the deed involves a red-hot poker, although other accounts mention death by suffocation. Schoolboys tend to remember the first version!

The stronghold has Norman origins and is probably the oldest continuously occupied castle in England, after the royal fortresses of the Tower of London and Windsor Castle. It has

remained within the Berkeley family, except for a period of royal ownership by the Tudors, since they reconstructed the original motte and bailey in the 12th century.

After the English Civil War, the Royalist Berkeleys were allowed to retain ownership, on condition that they never repaired the damage to the keep and outer bailey. The comprehensive 90-minute guided tour encompassed most areas of the castle; the private apartments occupy only 15 per cent of the building. There is a steep flight of 24 stone steps to the keep, deliberately designed with very different tread heights as a defensive measure, but these were tackled only by the brave (or foolhardy). Most of the party took the easier route through the castle.

Fortified by an excellent open-air lunch, some of the group were content to explore the extensive castle gardens, but most opted to visit the nearby house of Dr Edward Jenner, the pioneer of vaccination.

The advice Jenner was given as a young apprentice surgeon was: "Don't think; try", and he spent the rest of his life in the practical pursuit of scientific knowledge. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1788.

Jenner's foremost contribution to medicine and the alleviation of human suffering was, of course, vaccination. Noting the common observation that milkmaids were generally immune to smallpox, a contagious, disfiguring and often deadly disease, Jenner postulated that the pus in the blisters that milkmaids received from contracting cowpox (a similar illness, but much less virulent) protected them from smallpox.

He scraped pus from cowpox blisters on the hands of Sarah Nelmes, a milkmaid, who had caught cowpox from a cow called Blossom, and tested his hypothesis by inoculating James Phipps, an eight-year-old boy, with the noisome material.

When James was later deliberately exposed to the smallpox virus by Jenner, an act that would be considered highly unethical today, the boy did not develop the illness. Smallpox had been beaten and mankind has much to thank Dr Jenner for.

James was later rewarded with a cottage by Jenner for his contribution to medical advancement, but history does not record if Blossom received any extra fodder.

All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable and educational day out was had by all. SPM

COWBRIDGE FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS ROUND-UP

Triominoes and Rummikub!

AT our April meeting it was a very relaxed, but perhaps frustrating afternoon for some!

Members sat down to play board games, one of which they had never seen before - Triominoes. They soon got the hang of this game, while others played the more popular game of Rummikub.

The games were very time-consuming and so engrossed were members that it was a quick tidy up before the tables were laid out for the usual afternoon tea

and cakes.

This is a very friendly club and we are always looking for new members to join our happy group.

If you have trouble with transport this is no problem, as we can always supply transport for members.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month.

If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about the club, please ring 01656 668446.

PAT SMITH
(Leader)

Commemoration of Victory in Europe

A SHORT service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, May 9 at the War Memorial in front of the Town Hall in Cowbridge to mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day, the day on which Second World War hostilities ended in Europe.

As part of the service, wreaths will be laid by the Mayor of Cowbridge and also by the president of the Cowbridge Branch of the Royal British Legion.

All residents of Cowbridge and the Vale are welcome to join in this short but important commemoration.

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LETTERS EXTRA

Long silence over a town post office

THE last thing I read about the replacement Post Office for Cowbridge mentioned that it would be open in the autumn of 2014.

Well, we are now six months later and nothing, especially news.

There has been no news from the Post Office management, nor the local MP.

Even the Internet has nothing. In fact, if you Google Cowbridge Post Office you get over two pages of various sites that tell you the opening times for Cowbridge

Post Office and that is located in the Spar.

Eventually, you get a link to a story about local businessman Mr Sam Smith being banned by Royal Mail for using a local post box for his business mail.

Does anyone, anywhere know what is happening?

It is a wonder that local environmentalists and/or the Green Party have not been more vocal, as the environmental impact of all the extra car journeys to other Post Offices in the area is hardly helping climate change.

Paul Woodsford, Cowbridge.

Still no post office!

WHAT is the situation concerning the reinstatement of our post office in Cowbridge?

I understand that representations have been, or are still being made, by the Town Council and the MP but it does not appear to be very effective.

How much longer do we have to wait for the Post Office authority to supply the promised office?

Maybe it is time for stronger action, eg by residents flooding Post Office headquarters... with strong letters of complaint?

Roy Williams, Cowbridge.

The Happy Tuggers silence the Town Criers in tug-of-war!



REIGNING Tug-of-War champions, the Cowbridge Town Criers, threw down the gauntlet to all comers at the Cowbridge May Fair on the Bear field.

They warmed up by seeing off a scratch team of eight (or maybe nine) formed on the spur of the moment. After a gallant effort, the Town Criers won this round by two pulls to one.

Just when they thought the trophy was in the bag, a formidable eight appeared from the direction of the Arthur John emporium and took up the challenge.

The 'Happy Tuggers' lost no time, and saw off the Town Criers in two straight pulls.

The next hour saw the boys and girls

of Cowbridge practising their Tug-of-War skills. A display that left those watching in no doubt that Cowbridge Tug-of-War 2017 will be a hotly contested competition.

Pictured (top) are the 'Happy Tuggers' receiving the Vale of Glamorgan trophy from Lion President John Wordley.

The Happy Tuggers are Mark Hardy, Pete John, Alun John, Matt Barker, James Burt, Eryl Roberts, Wayne Thomas and Andrew Macphail.

For more information about the work of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions, telephone 0845 833 6763; email: secretary@lmandclions.org.uk; website: www.lmandclions.org.uk; Facebook: www.facebook.com/lmandclions; Twitter: @lmandclions.

Young actor is off to work with national youth theatre company



ABOVE: Sebastian Lewis on stage last year as Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar.

A YOUNG Vale actor is celebrating after being selected to join the National Youth Theatre of Wales (NYTW) for its annual summer school – an experience that culminates with the company going on tour around Wales.

Sebastian Lewis is a member of Stage Door 1 and is studying for his AS Levels at Llantwit Major Comprehensive.

His mother Jennifer told The GEM: "He was appearing as Judas in Stage Door 1's Jesus Christ Superstar last year, and was seen by one of the NYTW scouts."

"As a result, he applied to join the youth theatre's annual acting summer school. Following a full day auditioning in Cardiff, he was asked to attend the recall auditions in Oswestry in March, and last week was offered a place!"

Around 200 young people applied and only 20 were successful. The group will act and produce this year's play. Sebastian will spend this August in Aberystwyth University in rehearsals, and then the company will tour Wales during the first week of September in a youth production of Brecht's The Caucasian Chalk Circle.

'It was a tough six-hour slog'

Why brave Alice took on London Marathon for cancer research

by GEM REPORTER

A brave mum from St Athan has completed the London Marathon, and raised £3,200 for charity.

Alice Roythorne (38) who has been diagnosed with cancer twice and is mother to 10-year-old Macie, told The GEM it had been a real slog.

Alice said: "It was an incredible experience, the support along the course is phenomenal."

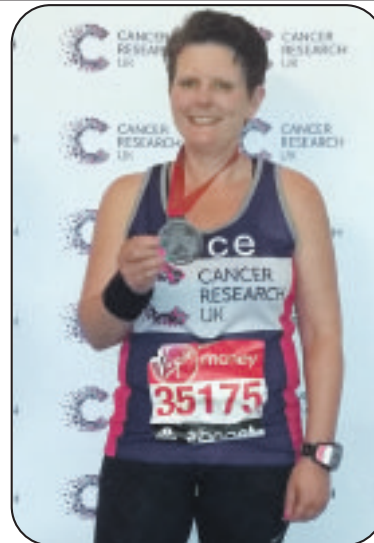
"It was wonderful to have family and friends there to support me. It really gave me a boost."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the first half – then suffered excruciating pain in my knees so it was a tough six hour slog but nevertheless I got there!"

"I was so proud to get my medal and even prouder to have raised over £3,200 for Cancer Research UK."

Alice initially found out she had Hodgkin's Lymphoma while she was pregnant in 2003. She was nearly 10 years free from cancer when she was re-diagnosed in 2013 and started a year of treatment for Ewing's sarcoma.

Alice explained: "I



ABOVE: A triumphant Alice. Right: her hard-earned medal.



finished treatment in February 2014 – it had been an exhausting year but I have always liked doing challenges and did the Race for Life Pretty Muddy event in the summer, followed by the Welsh Three Peaks later in the year."

Now, she's added the London Marathon to her list of achievements.

Evan and James land winners

THE Vale's Evan David and James Tudor both rode winners at the recent Cheltenham hunter chase evening meeting.

James took the Hunt Staff Benefit Society Hunter's Chase on the Alan Hill-trained Harbour Court and Evan the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Mare's Hunter Chase on Chosen Milan, which is trained by

Robert Luke James, who had earlier finished second on Repeat Business in the Connolly's Intermediate Point-To-Point Championship Final, made most of the running on Harbour Court to score by four lengths from Following Dreams and Evan, whose mount made several jumping mistakes throughout, did well to hold on and won by just a neck from Roseyroo. **BRIAN LEE**

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Tennis day of fun at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg



WEDNESDAY, April 28, was tennis day at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg. The children enjoyed a fun-packed day of specialist tennis coaching from Gareth East, from the Urdd and Lisa-Marie Morris from Vale Tennis Academy.

The back-to-back coaching sessions lasted all day, so that each class, from reception to year-6, had a chance to try out their tennis skills. Concentrating on their racket control and ball skills, the younger year groups played tennis-related games while the older classes rallied over the net.

Gareth East commented: "It's great to be able to introduce tennis to the children at such a young age; it's a fantastic sport and we've had a lot of fun today with the children of Ysgol Iolo."

Lisa-Marie Morris added: "Tennis is a life-long sport that can be played at any level with friends, family, or competitively. So it's never too late to

pick up a racket and give it a go. There are many opportunities to play in the Vale, and Vale Tennis Academy are here to help you at every step."

Mr Alun Roberts, PE coordinator at Ysgol Iolo summed up the day saying: "We pride ourselves at Ysgol Iolo in involving the children in a wide range of sports. The children have had great fun today and all our tennis skills have improved, thanks to Gareth and Lisa. It has been a special opportunity to have all the coaching delivered in the Welsh language – diolch yn fawr!"

Vale Tennis Academy is offering a variety of tennis coaching sessions throughout the Vale, including: Cowbridge Tennis Club – Mini Tennis Coaching Thursdays, 4.30pm – 6pm and Fridays, 5pm – 6.30pm; Llantwit Major (next to the rugby club) has a range of tennis sessions for all the family, Saturdays 10am – 4pm.

C o n t a c t
www.valetennisacademy.co.uk or
garetheast@urdd.org

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Raising funds for Macmillan a piece of cake!

ON Friday, April 17 the Pontyclun and district Macmillan fundraising group hosted a variety show night at Llanharry Workingman's Club.

The acts were all amazing and were either sponsored by the club, or MPS Healthcare, or gave their time and talent freely to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales.

The event raised a fantastic £1,661.69 and while all the artists deserve a great big vote of thanks, the organisers felt a 'special thank you' should go to the youngsters who opened the show. They treated the audience to songs and performances from Les Miserable, Top Hat, Rock of Ages and Moving Out and got the evening off to a brilliant start.

What better way to thank the boys and girls of the Bridgend and Cowbridge Stagecoach Performance Troupe than for each of them to get a large slice of chocolate cake? No chance that these

teenagers will pile on the weight as the energy, enthusiasm and talent that goes into every one of their performances is something that, if we could bottle, would keep us all slim!

We are also especially grateful to the individuals and companies whose generosity provided the fantastic assortment of raffle prizes: Andrew's Card Shop, who inflated 100 Macmillan balloons, and Jayne's Catering, and Llantrisant Rotary, who sponsored the interval food.

A big vote of thanks as well to our other artists: Bryan Gunton, Shelley Fairplay, Spence Martin, Daniel Cadogan, Verity-Belle Atkinson and The Plough Singers who made the evening such a success.

Find out more information about our supporters and ways of joining the group by visiting 'The Pontyclun and District Macmillan Fundraising Group' Facebook page.

The group has now raised more than £22,500 in barely two years and the current target of £25K is within touching distance – but

it's unlikely they'll stop there!

Macmillan can only fund services thanks to the generosity of the public. To find out more how you can help, call 0300 1000 200 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising.

EDWINA CLARK

Penllyn Bridge Club cup winners



AT the AGM of Penllyn Bridge Club, the new chairman Mike Rutledge presented the Robert Brown Cup to this year's winners, Colin and Judith Nunn (above).

Local choir opens the show at May Fair

ST DONAT'S Chorale opened up the stage performances at the May Day Fair this year in Cowbridge, following an opening speech from the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Peter Knapp.

A spokesman reported: "The programme was very diverse from the opening number 'Pastime with Good Company' first performed in the reign of Henry VIII, to Simon and Garfunkel's 'Bridge over Troubled Water'.

"They sang in three languages – Welsh, English and French, which included the songs 'Lisa Lan', 'Ar Lan Y Mor', and 'Que Reste-t-il'.

"Scotland was not forgotten with the favourite 'Skye Boat Song', and Ivor Novello's 'I can give you the starlight' was followed by a rousing performance of 'Let the

river run' by Carly Simon to complete their performance.

"The choir led by their conductor Carl Grainger rehearse at the St Donat's Art Centre at Atlantic College every Monday at 7.30pm to 9.30pm and normally put on three concerts each year. Anybody in the Vale is very welcome to join us, there are no auditions, you just need to enjoy singing.

"The choir's next performance is on July 19, when they will be representing Wales by taking the place of the choir at Bath Abbey for both the morning and evening services."

Anybody interested in joining the choir should come along on a Monday evening, or for further information, contact Richard Bayliss on email a rjd1349@hotmail.co.uk.

Teenager who died in Great War is not forgotten...

MAY 9 marks the 100th anniversary of the death of David Miles who was the first – and aged just 17 – the youngest of more than 30 soldiers from Dinas Powys to die in the First World War.

He was born in Cadoxton in 1898, the child of David and Angelina Miles, father David working at a Dinas Powys quarry.

David had two younger brothers, John and Arthur and four sisters, Ann, Maud, Sarah and Doris. The family moved to Springfield House, Eastbrook, in the early 1900s and later to Llanblethian.

When war was declared in August 1914, David had not long left school.

He joined the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, part of the regular army, aged just 16, and embarked for France in January 1915, to join the British Expeditionary Force, which had suffered heavy losses in the fighting in 1914.

Given the dates, his training as a soldier can only have been minimal. His officers described him as "a great favourite in the regiment and a fearless and efficient soldier".

He survived for four months, but lost his life

at Richebourg in the Battle of Aubers Ridge on May 9, 1915.

In 1915, following the transfer of German troops from the Western to the Eastern Front, Generals Joffre of France and French of Britain decided to exploit what was perceived to be a weaker enemy position.

An offensive was planned at Artois, (the area around Arras in northern France), one element of which was to take slightly higher ground at Aubers Ridge.

The result was inconclusive, with no ground won, nor tactical advantage gained. But the British Army suffered 11,000 casualties.

David was one of those casualties. His remains were never identified and he is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial (Panel 20) with more than 13,000 others, who also lost their lives in this sector of the Western Front in the early part of the war and who have no known graves.

David's cousin, Edward Miles, also enlisted in the Army and he, too, lost his life two years later in 1917. Both men are remembered on the Dinas Powys Memorial, as well as at Llanblethian Church.

DEREK BRUSHETT

VE wreath-laying

Llantwit Major Town Council, along with the Royal British Legion, Llantwit Major Branch, will be laying wreaths and having a small reading, at the Cenotaph in the town to commemorate VE Day on Friday, May 8 at 9.30am. Those wishing to attend are most welcome.

David Miles
(1898 - 1915)



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Community comes out in force to enjoy the Lions' May Day Fair in Cowbridge

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NOBODY was scanning the skies over the bank holiday weekend more anxiously than members of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club – hoping that the May Fair in Cowbridge would be OK.

As it turned out, the weather was fine, and the Bear Field was packed as families enjoyed a wide range of activities and entertainment.

The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Peter Knapp, told The GEM: "It was great to see so many families out in Cowbridge enjoying themselves on a bank holiday, rather than getting in the car to go somewhere else for the day."



Local children were dancing
around the Maypole.



ABOVE: Vale AM Jane Hutt (left) was a
visitor to the May Fair.



The local Rock Choir entertained the crowds.



ABOVE:
A Lion rattles the collection bucket.
BELOW: The Mayor opened the fair.



There was a
taekwondo
demonstration.



Family fun and fundraising are the driving force behind the Lions' successful May Fair

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ONCE again, the tug of war proved popular, with an adult contest and a junior one (pictured below).

Drama students (pictured right) from Stagecoach entertained, and the first group on stage were the St Donat's Chorale (below right).

With stalls selling food, crafts and other items, there was something for all the family!



Family's concern in the aftermath of earthquake

(Left to right):
David Allen,
Samantha Allen,
Rosalie, and Raju
Tamang.

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Raju said: "We believe a couple of families may have left Kathmandu in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, so we are still trying to get contact them."

Sadly, on the day that The GEM spoke to Samantha and Raju, he had heard that one relative had been found dead in the rubble of a Kathmandu building.

On the subject of the area where their charity operates, David said: "The buildings in the Dolakha villages have not fared so well."

"It is estimated that at least 80 per cent have collapsed, including Raju's parents' home. The three schools built by the charity are still standing but need assessing for damage,



as some are cracked and nobody wants to venture inside yet due to the continuing aftershocks.

"In a way, we were lucky," said Raju. "The quake happened during the day on a Saturday when the villagers were outside planting crops or doing chores. It could have been much worse."

The damage to the schools is a real worry,

as the community made huge efforts to build them.

David said: "The first time Raju took me to them, it was a seven-hour bus ride, followed by a three-hour trek. The same distance in the UK would have been a 45-minute drive!"

"When it came to building the school, bags of cement were taken as far as possible, and then the women of

the village carried that cement over the same three-hour walk!"

Raju added: "Some women did that twice in one day."

David said: "The Nepalese are the nicest, most honest people you could meet. They are also incredibly hard-working and very resilient."

"It is cruel that they have to contemplate rebuilding, but I can't

think of a more determined group of people."

He added that people in the Vale can be assured that charitable donations, which are now desperately needed, would be used to maximum effect by the Nepalese villagers.

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Apprentice electrician Ashley wins top award

A VALE Council employee, Ashley Criddle, an apprentice electrician with the housing department's responsive repairs team, has been named 'Welsh Apprentice of the Year' at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2015.

The awards aim to recognise and celebrate employers, learners, and providers across Wales who develop their workforce through apprenticeships and support their employees during their training.

The Apprentice of the Year category showcases dedication, commitment and high level of skills of individual candidates, who have chosen the apprenticeship route to further their own career.

Ashley, now in the

third year of his apprenticeship, is off for three days in Deeside, Flintshire, to compete at the World Skills UK competition in the electrical installation category.

The announcement comes after the Vale Council's housing strategy manager, Jenny Lewington, was shortlisted as one of three housing professionals across Wales for the CIH Cymru Rising Stars award.

She will be presenting and debating as part of the competition at the CIH Cymru conference in Cardiff's City Hall.

The Head of Housing Services, Hayley Selway, said: "It is fantastic to see the talent we have here in the Vale. Both Ashley and Jenny excel in their areas and definitely want to make a difference for the residents of the area."

"I wish both of them good luck."



Apprentice Ashley Criddle with his award.

NFU ladies hear about changing face of television

THE April meeting of the Vale NFU Ladies was held at Penllyn Hall, with new members swelling the numbers.

Rosemary Scadden gave a very interesting talk on 'I was Sir Harry Secombe's Stand In'. She spoke about her working life at the old HTV studios and how life in the fast, modern age has changed the labour force, with electronics behind the scenes.

A vote of thanks was given by Tina Wride. Since the April

meeting, the spring trip' has also taken place, with a coach load of ladies visiting Blenheim Palace. The weather was kind and the day a memorable one, with all members having a good time.

A well-earned rest was enjoyed at the Foresters Oaks Inn, Penhow, on the return journey before heading home after a super day.

A special thanks to the committee for organising this event.

The Vale NFU Ladies will now cease during the summer, restarting on September 15. JS

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Mediumship'

BARRY Spiritualist Church and Centre presents an evening of mediumship on May 11 at 7pm with Dianne Jeal and Vanessa Follett. Pay at the door, £5; Buttrills Road, Barry (CF62 8EF).

Classical concert

A CONCERT of music by Beethoven and Brahms will be held on May 14 at 2pm in Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major.

It will feature David Maybury, baritone, Jim Barton, violin, Jeanette Massocchi, piano and the Llantwit Major Ladies' Choir.

All are welcome. No admission charge.

'Packed events agenda' in Vale



Isle of Fire - fire lilies at Barry Island.

THE return of Barry Island's cinema by the sea and the award-winning Isle of Fire event for 2015, has been agreed by the Vale Council, as part of a packed events agenda for the next year.

A report agreed on April 27 confirmed details of the 31 events that will be delivered by the council, either directly, or in partnership with others, during the next 12 months.

The wide-ranging programme includes events put on by the council itself, such as the Barry Island Weekenders and King Square Christmas Light Switch On - and those which are managed by community groups but supported, either financially or with help and guidance, by the authority's tourism and marketing team.

Miles Punter, director of visible and housing services, said: "Every year the Vale Council organises and supports a varied programme of events across the Vale."

"These events make an important addition to the tourism offer within the Vale and to the quality of life for residents. Last year's events programme was a

huge success, with the Isle of Fire and 3D Christmas lights projection particular highs. Not content with that though, we intend to build on those achievements and work with a wide range of community groups to provide an even broader events programme that will offer something for everyone."



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Bristol Channel pilot cutters head for Barry

AT least five restored pilot cutters will be arriving in Barry tomorrow (Friday, May 8), to take part in the annual Barry Yacht Club 'Cock of the Channel' race down towards Lundy Island.

The race, which was first established by the working Pilot Cutters goes back to around 1936 when the winner was presented with the Silver Tern Cup and a club burgee embroidered with a cockerel, a tradition still carried out to this day.

The race, which starts at 9.50am on Saturday,

May 9, will take the boats on a 100-mile course past Ilfracombe and then across to Swansea, arriving back in Barry sometime on Sunday afternoon, to be followed by the prize-giving in the club.

Good viewing points for the start on Saturday will be from the breakwater at Jackson's Bay, Nell's Point or Friar's Point to watch them sail past Whitmore Bay and then down channel.

Race organisers Roger Donkin and Brian Dotchon, in commenting on the event, said: "This is a spectacular sight to see these majestic and historic craft sailing in the channel, especially

from Barry which many owners of these boats see as their ancestral home."

Barry Yacht Club, based at the pier head next to Jackson's Bay, is a very active club, offering many types of membership including sailing, social members and the very fast growing sea rowing section.

For further details check out the Barry Yacht Club website or contact Roger Donkin on 07549 946 629.

Festival is set for July

GlastonBARRY will be held in The Mack events marquee at Romilly Park, on Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26.

The acts appearing are tributes to The Beatles, Oasis, Bob Marley, The Jam, Stereophonics, 2 Rude, Tribute to Ska, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, with Big Maccs Wholly Soul Band, plus local support.

KIDNEY RESEARCH WALKERS ARE JOINED BY THE VALE AM



Rhose WI re-elect committee at AGM

THE annual meeting of Rhose WI was held on April 30, with Mrs Marilyn Tucker, GFWI adviser attending.

After the usual monthly business items, members were asked to vote on the National Federation Resolution calling on the Government 'to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals'; the majority voting to support the resolution.

Treasurer Susan Grant reported on the healthy state of finances, and secretary Stella Hughes outlined activities and events the WI had attended over the past year.

President Jenny Reed thanked the committee for all their hard work and outlined future plans, including those for the 70th anniversary celebrations later in the calendar.

Barbara Goodway then proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee members. In her remarks, the adviser warmly congratulated the WI on its very successful year.

In the following election, the incumbent committee was re-elected

unopposed, with the addition of one new member; president, secretary and treasurer remaining in post. The president then resumed the Chair and called on Pam Jupp to thank Mrs Tucker on behalf of the members.

Members were reminded the spring fair will take place this Saturday, May 9, at the Community Hall. A number of members would attend the annual meeting of the Glamorgan Federation at Port Talbot on May 6 and on June 4, several will attend the screening of the national centenary celebration by the Heritage Link.

The president will attend the Albert Hall for the celebration and two members will attend the royal garden party to celebrate 100 years of the WI.

The meeting closed with the announcement of the competition winner, Jan Dally, the raffle being won by Sandra Barnes. The next meeting will be at the Community Hall, Stewart Road on June 4 at 7.30pm, when Jan Price will give a talk on 'Humorous Poetry'.

New members and visitors are welcome to attend.

ON Sunday, April 26, a supporters group congregated at Morrisons car park, Barry, to take part in the annual Kidney Wales Walk for Life.

Once again we were joined by Jane Hutt AM, who gave her valuable time to support the charity. We had an excellent following of 60+ walkers, many of whom brought their dogs for a Sunday morning stroll.

So many people helped fundraise this year but special thanks go to The Place to Eat and their customers, who raised £202, and the patrons of the Cwm Talwg pub, who raised £162.

I would also like to thank Morrisons supermarket for their continuing support and allowing us to use their car park as our base.

So far, the walk has raised £1,600 which will be presented to Kidney Wales. Many thanks to all who supported us.

DEBORAH BAKER

Police patrols cover local beauty spots

AN operation to target seasonal rises in anti-social behaviour and crime in local beauty spots has been launched.

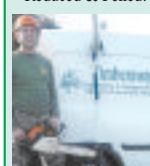
The aim is to make the Vale coastline safer for local people and the many thousands of annual visitors.

The operation will involve high profile policing initiatives in clearly defined hotspots in the coastal strip from Monkash to Ogmore-by-Sea through May to September.

Inspector Rob Miles said: "By having a visible presence in these popular spots, we can stop crime before it happens and ensure anyone coming to the Vale coastline leaves with happy memories."

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Wales Macmillan skin cancer nurse urges sun awareness



Nurse Sharon Hulley.

WITH summer just around the corner, a Macmillan skin cancer nurse from south Wales is backing the British Association of Dermatologists' Sun Awareness Week (May 4-10) by urging people to stay safe in the sun.

The number of people developing melanoma is continuing to rise, with around 110,330 people living with malignant melanoma in the UK, and over 700 people diagnosed every year in Wales.

Sharon Hulley, Macmillan skin cancer nurse based at University Hospital of Wales explains: "Most melanomas are linked to over exposure to UV

rays from the sun or a sunbed. Just one episode of painful sunburn every two years can triple your risk of getting melanoma. I would urge everyone to 'get to know their skin'.

"I would recommend that everyone check their skin on a monthly basis to get to know where their moles or freckles are, and to get someone else to check the areas they can't see such as the back, bottom and back of legs. It's only when you know what they usually look like, that you would know if any were changing or new.

"About half of all melanomas start with a change in previously normal-looking skin. This usually looks like a dark area or an abnormal new mole. Other melanomas develop from a mole or freckle that you already have - maybe a mole that changes colour, bleeds, itches or is painful. If you are worried about any changes on your skin, you should visit your GP."

Sharon continued: "Skin cancer, if caught early, is very treatable and actually has one of the highest survival rates of all cancers and being sun aware is key. Our advice is to avoid sun beds, wear a high SPF sun screen, and cover up in the sun."

Apprentice scoops Skills gold medal

PENARTH apprentice, Aaron Horrobin, who is studying a Level 2 Diploma in wall and floor tiling at Cardiff and Vale College, beat four other competitors from colleges across Wales to win the gold medal in the Skills Competition Wales final. He also won the Welsh heat of SkillBUILD Tiling.

The finalists had to tile a boat design onto a wall within the time limit of five hours and Aaron (24) an apprentice at his father's tiling business, Supreme Ceramics in Penarth, said the competition had been close.

"I won the junior competition last year, but I never thought I'd win again this time round. The design that they gave us was quite tricky as it meant we had lots of curves and tricky cuts, but I did my best and was thrilled when they announced that I'd won in the awards presentation that night."

LONGER-LIFE CATS LEFT ON THE SHELF

CATS are living longer, but the homeless feline senior citizen is being overlooked, according to Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre.

The centre says improvements in cat care have greatly raised the life expectancy and quality of life for cats across the UK.

However, the bad news is that owners still appear to choose a cute, fluffy kitten or young cat over an older cat - and this puts a massive strain on the adoption centre.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager, said: "While 10 years ago the household moggie could have been expected to live to around 13, today's life expectancy is much higher.

"We have seen many cats surviving to their late teens and early 20s in remarkably good health.

"However, their longer existence places the centre under strain because older cats can block up pen spaces for many months, which means we are unable to help other needy cats or kittens until the older ones are found new homes.

"It is a shame, because older cats have

a lot to offer, as they tend to be lap cats and have much more settled natures. Though the centre does its very best to care for all the cats in its care, life in a pen is no substitute for a permanent home so I would urge people to consider adopting an older cat."

Some of the older cats in desperate need of a home are:

● Heathcliff, a 16-year-old male admitted for rehoming because of changes in work commitments. He is a lovely, friendly cat who is finding the centre environment particularly stressful.

● Katie, a 10-year-old female and one of our longest staying cats. She was admitted because she wasn't settled with the other cats in the home.

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● Tipsy, an 11-year-old female cat, admitted into our care because her owner was allergic. She is a friendly but independent cat who will make a great companion.

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Heathcliff.
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GIANT WELLY HIGHLIGHTS FUNDRAISING RNLI DRIVE

THE Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) unveiled a series of eight-foot yellow wellington boot sculptures to mark the launch of its national fundraising campaign, Mayday.

One of the larger-than-life welly boots will today be attracting the attention of shoppers at Working Street in Cardiff.

The Cardiff welly was unveiled by one of the RNLI's biggest fans: six-year-old Mia Davies from Barry, a pupil at Ysgol Sant Baruc. Mia hopes plenty of people

will come down to Barry Island to show their support to her daddy (Barry Dock coxswain Hugh Davies) and the local volunteer crew.

Yellow and welly-themed events have been organised by communities across Wales to help support the charity that saves lives at sea.

To donate, visit RNLI.org/Mayday or text MAYDAY to 70007 to donate £3. Funds raised through the Mayday campaign will help fund the RNLI's lifesaving work. Texts cost £3 + standard network rate. Please ensure you have the bill payer's permission. The RNLI will receive £3.

MAESTEG'S CROSS INN IS CROWNED PUB OF THE YEAR

A MAESTEG pub has been crowned Pub of the Year by the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

The Cross Inn at Cwmfelin, on the outskirts of Maesteg, was voted CAMRA Pub of the Year for Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend for the second time in three years. It was presented with the award due to the quality of its ale served, as well as meeting a range of criteria including style, atmosphere, decoration, service and welcome, community focus and value for money.

The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA)

supports well-run pubs as the centres of community life – whether in rural or urban areas – and believe their continued existence plays a critical social role in UK culture.

CAMRA also supports the pub as the one place in which to consume real ale (also known as cask-conditioned beer, or cask ale).

In an area where good real ales are hard to find, this friendly multi-roomed pub with its own green-energy-run Cerddin Brewery is a breath of fresh air. Cerddin is Welsh for rowan tree which, in mythology, has magical properties.

The pub is situated between Maesteg and Bridgend, with buses stopping at the front door and the railway station within walking distance.

It has been owned and

run by David Morgan and his wife Gillian Scott-Morgan since 1992, who are now helped by their daughter. In 2010, they installed a brewery at the side of the pub and made news as the first brewery in Britain to be entirely powered by solar energy.

CAMRA spokesman Nigel said that the award was well earned and explained that it's not just down to them offering five beers brewed on site and three ciders, which are sold in exemplary condition and at excellent prices. Other factors were taken into account – atmosphere, layout and the role the pub plays in the local community.

David Morgan said: "I wanted to create a community feel and give people a reason to come to Cwmfelin and Maesteg, and help raise the profile of area."

NEIL GOODMAN



ABOVE: Gillian Scott-Morgan and David Morgan of the Cross Inn.

'I am not Rainman'

THE National Autistic Society (Cardiff and Vale branch) has organised a talk by Robert Parton entitled, 'I am not Rainman' on Saturday, June 6 in Ysgol y Deri, Sully Road, Penarth, CF64 2TP, from 10.30am-1pm.

Robert Parton, aged 20, from Swansea, has high functioning autism. Diagnosed at three, with very limited speech and profound sensory issues, he has overcome adversity to become a truly amazing public speaker.

This event will be mainly of interest to families whose lives are touched by autism, and professionals who work in the field of disability; plus those who may wish to become more aware of

autism. It is not restricted to branch members but pre-booking is essential. Age restriction – no children under the age of 15 years.

There is a suggested donation of £3 per person or £5 per family, which can be made on the door.

The event is subsidised by the branch, which is self-funded and relies on donations and fundraising to be able to put on our monthly coffee mornings, workshops and other activities.

For more information, go to <http://www.cardiffandvaleautism.org.uk/>.

To book a place, go to <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/national-autistic-society-cardiff-vale-branch-autism-rob-parton-im-not-rainman-tickets-15775149898?>

College seeks new governors

THE governance structure for Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) is set to change and this week the college has launched a recruitment campaign, seeking to attract new members to the board of governors.

CAVC is looking to recruit individuals that reflect its vision and aims but who also have valuable experience from across a range of sectors, including business, finance, legal, PR, media, marketing, charity and education. Diversity and community representation will be at the heart of the board.

There are several roles available with varying commitments.

These are: governors, committee members and community board members (for both Cardiff Community Board and Vale Community Board).

A page has been set up on the College's website (<http://www.cavc.ac.uk/en/about-us/governance/join-our-board>) with all the information on the new governance structure; along with the application form and details of how to apply.

Geraint Evans, chair of governors, said: "Since establishment in 2011, Cardiff and Vale College has proven to be one of the most exciting and innovative colleges in the country. "Being part of our new governing body will see you supporting the college to achieve its vision. "It is a uniquely

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that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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Vet nurse raises £400 for Support Dogs in the London Marathon

A veterinary nurse from Barry is putting her feet up after completing her first Virgin Money London Marathon, and raising £400 for charity Support Dogs in the process.

Sian Llewellyn is head nurse at the Barry and Boverton Veterinary Surgeries.

A keen runner, she had completed two half marathons and entered the ballot to run the marathon, little expecting to get a place as she knew many fellow runners who had tried for several years without success.

She explained:

"Finding I'd been accepted for the marathon last October was a surprise and my first thought was that I'd better start doing some proper training, which I did with the help of my running club, the Village Vipers, based in Cardiff.

"Taking part was really tough! I had abdominal and hip pain towards the end, but family, friends and the roar of the crowd got me through. The drums, music and fancy dress costumes made me smile at so many points throughout the 26.2 miles. You can't help but laugh when you see a gorilla skipping along the route or an ostrich

having to stop to go to the toilet.

"My highest point was turning the corner to run down the Mall to cross the finish line, hand in hand with a complete stranger. Receiving my medal was an emotional and proud moment. I finished in five and a half hours, which was slower than I hoped, but I blame the various painful parts of my body!"

Ten days before entering the race, Sian attended a talk about Support Dogs and was inspired to use her participation to fundraise for them. She has so far raised £400 for the charity, which is dedicated to increasing independence and quality of life for people with medical conditions by training and supporting specialist assistance dogs.

It currently trains autism assistance dogs, disability assistance dogs and seizure alert dogs.

She added: "Support Dogs are amazing and, having heard what a difference they make to so many people, I really wanted to raise funds for them.

"I'm already being asked whether I'll enter



SIAN LLEWELLYN

another marathon. During the race my answer would have been no, never again! Now that the pain is ebbing away, my answer is most likely yes!"

Anyone wishing to donate to Sian's chosen charity, Support Dogs, is asked to contact her at the Barry and Boverton Veterinary Surgery. It is based at 51-53 Ty-Newydd Road, Barry, South Glamorgan CF62 8AZ and can be reached on 01446 733406. More information on Support Dogs is at www.supportdogs.org.uk.

STROLLING ALONG VALE COAST IN THE SUNSHINE

ON a beautiful sunny spring weekend, Penarth and District Ramblers enjoyed two walks with the central theme of water, first a trek along the beautiful Vale coastline, followed by a fantastic journey through some of the glorious waterfalls in the Neath Valley.

A group of seven and Jodie the Staffie joined Geraint on a train ramble to Rhose, then following the Wales Coast Path along the coast through Fontygary to visit the ruined lime works and waterfowl at Pleasant Harbour, before continuing past Aberthaw Power Station to Gileston.

Crossing the pebbles above Limpert Bay, lunch followed in warm sunshine using picnic tables at Summerhouse Point before making their way along the cliffs beside cropped fields to Llantwit Major beach.

Turning inland through Cwm Colhuw, up a steep bank led along a track to Lower House Farm. Then, following the road for a

short distance before deviating through a field containing the 14th century stone dovecot which was part of a grange run by lay brothers, steps led them down past the Ogney Brook to the church named after St Illtud, who founded a monastery which became a centre for education there in the 6th century.

Strolling on through the town to the railway station, it was only a short wait in the sunshine before the homeward journey.

Clive and his eight companions enjoyed a magnificent adventure beginning from Pontneddfechan and following the old tramroad beside the Nedd Fechan River with its variety of smaller falls.

A lovely bluebell wood above Pont Melin-fach opened onto a rocky bridleway and reaching the top, the panoramic views stretched for miles under glorious warm sunshine.

Following sunken tracks laden with wild violets and blackthorn trees to Cwm Porth, there was time for a quick peek at Porth yr Ogof, the largest cave entrance in Wales before lunch.

Narrow rocky

pathways below the cliff face led them scrambling steeply down to the stunning waterfall of Sgwd y Pannwr in the Mellie valley, which was breathtaking as it tumbled into the valley below.

Continuing on past Sgwd Isaf Clun-Gwyn, after a steep climb, Sgwd yr Eira came into view.

Taking the slippery track under the waterfall, another climb led up onto a track on the opposite side of the valley and journeying through quiet forestry tracks to Dinas Rock, a sharp descent led back to the riverbank and, crossing a footbridge, they made the short journey back to their start.

On May 10, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile

moderate/hard walk at Henllys; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On May 10, the group are hosting the area walks, where there will be a choice of three walks (five, eight and 15-mile walks) in the Vale, all leaving Bonvilston Reading Room car park at 9.30am.

For more details of the routes and contact details, visit the group website below.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader for advice.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com.

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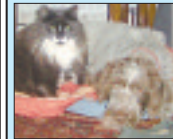
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Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival's new ticket scheme

THIS year, the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival decided to offer advanced ticket sales on their website.

This is facilitated by a Penarth-based company, Ticketsource, and is proving very popular.

Event organiser, Polly Wilson, told The GEM: "This is a new avenue for us; we set up the link in January and immediately started seeing ticket sales trickling in, which was amazing as the festival is in May. Now, it is really taking off!"

"With 2015 day ticket prices remaining at £5 and weekend tickets at £8, with 10 per cent off and the comparatively small booking charge per transaction (not per ticket as with other providers), you make a saving immediately on over two tickets.

"You will also skip the ticket office queues over the weekend.

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order which you simply take to the Arthur John car park entrance, where there will be a dedicated entrance to scan your booking and receive your wristbands.

"As with 2013, the wristband tickets will then allow you access to all festival sites and activities, as well as offer many benefits with traders around Cowbridge."

Tickets are available until May 22, and of course will be available on the day. The Festival will also give a Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival recipe book (to be collected from the main marquee) to the first 100 bookings who quote 'GEM' as part of their name when booking a ticket, eg enter 'Helen Jones - GEM'.

• Full details of the festival are available on the website at: cowbridgefoodanddrink.org/buy-tickets.

Monsters: Dark Continent falls between two stools...

ONE of the bigger surprises of the last few years was Gareth Edwards' *Monsters*, an intimate story set against the aftermath of an alien invasion that was notable for Edwards' technical trickery (all the effects were done himself on his own computer) and the fact that it focused more on characters than spectacle.

It seemed an unlikely source for a sequel, but since when has that stopped a film studio, and *Monsters: Dark Continent* finds itself loosely connected to the original.

Ten years on from that story, the alien infected zones that were once wholly in central America have now spread worldwide, and, in particular, the Middle East, where a new insurgency has begun. Noah (Johnny Harris) and Michael (Sam Keeley) are two of the soldiers who must battle not only the insurgents,

but also the creatures, and hope to survive...

Anyone expecting *Dark Continent* to follow *Monsters'* subtle approach to storytelling will be disappointed, the film is a gung-ho, action film that certainly has a degree more intelligence than your average grunt and gun type of film. However, it's also a film that feels very peculiar, almost as if the filmmakers created a story telling of the horrors and psychological stresses suffered by those fighting on the front lines of the ongoing 'war on terror' but were forced to piggyback on the *Monsters* name in order to make it a more palatable sell.

There is no real man versus monster conflict here; much like the first film the titular creatures are simply background, dipping into the story here and there but staying below the surface, with the main emphasis on the human story, the ordinary taking precedent over the extraordinary – it is this that is the film's main problem.

The creatures play such a small role in what takes place that it

feels like a shameless cash-in on the first film's goodwill to use the *Monsters* title. What would have worked better is a story a group of men signing up for the army, and travelling halfway across the world to fight the good fight only to find themselves woefully unprepared and out of their depth, shorn of any mention of creatures from space.

The film plays this way for the majority of the running time, and does contain a degree more pathos and smarts than most films that do a similar thing, but it's undone by weak characterisation, an almost predictable order of death as things begin to go drastically wrong (if you can't predict the first character to be offed then you obviously don't watch enough films!) and performances that never really stretch themselves.

The most impressive thing on show in this otherwise mundane and muddled film is director Tom Green, whose direction is in your face and incredibly visceral, creating moments of breathless tension and edgy drama, yet also

capable of moments of real beauty and subtlety.

Green's previous experience lies in television, but he makes the step up here superbly well, the direction incredibly impressive.

It's just a shame that what he and co-writer Jay Basu have come up with doesn't gel together well enough. As a 'monster' movie the only conflict is ideology, while as a movie about the terrors and hellish nature of war, it all too often feels clichéd.

It certainly isn't the worst film in the world, probably not even the worst film in cinemas right now, but *Monsters: Dark Continent* doesn't really

deliver what it says on the tin.

VERDICT: A misguided attempt to jump on a bandwagon that, in all fairness, had left the station a while ago, *Monsters: Dark Continent* finds itself caught between paying lip service to the concept of the first *Monsters* film, while taking the story in a different direction that showcases the horrors of war and the foolish bravado of youth.

It has a few moments, but aside from Tom Green's impressive direction, there's not much to chew on here. *Poor.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Hurt Locker* (2008), *Starship Troopers* (1997).



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Screening a sell-out!

LLANCARFAN Community Cinema is hosting a second performance of popular Welsh film *Dark Horse* (2015, PG) after selling-out their first scheduled screening in record time.

Dark Horse tells the remarkable true-life story of the Welsh village syndicate that owns champion racehorse *Dream Alliance*, which won a string of races, including the Welsh Grand National, just 18 months after a near-fatal accident.

Llanccarf Community Cinema is screening the film, which won the Sundance Film Festival Audience Award in 2014, with support from Film

Hub Wales. All profit from the screenings is going to the Llanccarf Village Hall fund for much-needed maintenance and repairs.

"We've been amazed at the response this film has received," says cinema volunteer Jim Barratt. "We knew it would appeal to racing fans and horse-lovers, and the Welsh connection gives it local interest. But we never expected to sell out so quickly. It helps that the film has had glowing reviews. It's great to see a local story doing so well on the big screen."

Tickets are still available for the second performance on Saturday, May 16 at 7.30pm. Full details can be found on the web site: www.llanccarfcommunitycinema.co.uk.

Jim Barratt

What's on and where?

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery this Saturday (May 9) from 10am – 12 noon at the Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

Spring fair in Rhose

COME along to Rhose WI spring fair to be held on Saturday (May 9) at the Community Hall, Stewart Road from 10am – 12 noon.

Crafts, cakes, plants, tombola. Admission £2 (to include tea/coffee and biscuits).

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Castland Ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Karl Kuhnell and Les Sword will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday (May 9) from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Castland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.

No appointment is

necessary. Floral society

THE next meeting of the Barry Floral Society will be held at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry on Tuesday, May 12, at 2.15pm, when the demonstrator will be Mrs Delyth Price (area demonstrator).

The afternoon's entertainment is entitled 'A Night at the Musicals!'. New members are always welcome.

Poetry and stories

FOLLOWING the success of asking people aged 50-plus in the Vale to submit poems and stories, the Vale 50 Plus Strategy Forum is displaying all the poems and stories received at Barry Central Library from May 11-15 during library opening hours.

Library event

THERE will be a coffee morning at Barry library on Thursday, May 13 from 10am – 12 noon, co-hosted by the library and the Vale of

Glamorgan Carers' Information Service.

There will be cakes, tea and coffee, poetry, and information on health, well-being, and library services for visually-impaired, housebound readers and carers.

There is no charge, but donations towards the cost of the coffee and cakes welcomed.

St Paul's spring fair

FAMOUS for over 50 years for stalls full of bargains, this year will be no exception at St Paul's spring fair in Barry.

On sale are toys, books, DVDs and CDs; gifts and cards; home-made cakes; bric-a-brac; sweets; crafts and prize-every-time stall; raffle with first prize of £50.

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Penarth charity project is overcoming difficulties

THE Penarth and District Lesotho Trust has continued its financial and technical support of the children in Teyateyaneng, especially in their junior academy where over half the pupils are orphans and the residential accommodation at the school is their home.

Their headteacher, Godfrey Kakende, is, as he fondly refers to his role, "their mother and father".

The last few months have brought good and bad news because Mr Kakende has become a father after baby Constantina came into the world, but this was followed by the devastating news of his serious car accident.

His car was in collision with another vehicle and in the accident, the three occupants of the other vehicle were killed and Mr Kakende sustained many serious fractures and injuries.

However, this former Ugandan Olympic footballer has again demonstrated his determination and resilience and is making a good, if rather slow, recovery.

He is back in school, though the rocky nature of the school site does make it so difficult for movement on crutches and sadly, more hospital treatment is urgently needed.

Since last summer, so many improvements have been made to the TY junior academy. The second dormitory has been built and now the boys and girls have separate sleeping quarters. This was the major objective highlighted by the visit last summer of Penarth Lesotho Youth, the junior section of PADLT.

There have also been improvements made to the school classroom buildings and facilities improved in the library. The 'one tap for water' situation which amazed everyone has now at last been improved.

So again, PADLT thanks the people of Penarth and district because they know the money raised does get to Lesotho. All the visits by the trustees and others, and also the young people, are totally self-funded and expenses of the charity are kept to the very minimum, mainly bank charges when the money is sent to Lesotho which amount to only two per cent.

So, PADLT gives 98 per cent of all money obtained from gifts, donations and from the many events that are organised, to its work in Lesotho.

Our next money-raising events are the very popular annual plant and craft sale on Saturday, May 9, 10am to 1pm in Stanwell Road Baptist Church Hall, Windsor Road, Penarth, next to the Paget Rooms.

Plants can be fetched if you phone 02920 702269. This will be followed by the 13th annual 5km fun run on Saturday, June 10, at 11am around the lakes in Cosmeston Country Park.

Sponsor forms can be obtained from howellskeith@yahoo.co.uk.

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Godfrey Kakende, the headteacher of TY junior academy on his crutches greeting a visitor on the rocky site of the residential school.

Social group meets the owls

MEMBERS of Friends and Neighbours social group who meet at Beryl Road received a visit from Owls-4-u at their April Meeting.

Ann Bird and Alan Sheppard brought seven of their feathered friends to visit the group. Asha, Bart, Dai, Dusty, Honey, Babe and Merlin seemed to enjoy the attention they received and some were even happy to be held and stroked by the members of the group.

Ann talked about

each owl and its history and their habitat and explained how Owls-4-u was established when Swan Rescue closed. Ann answered questions from the group which was followed by tea/coffee, cakes and biscuits, followed by the raffle.

The group is now looking forward to the lunch at Spinney and forthcoming trip to Tewksbury and trip on the river. Contact Gay Ffield, coordinator for further information.

GF

'Teachings of Christianity are inclusive'

WITH reference to the letter on page 25 in last week's GEM, 'Christians are being persecuted', my first question is why was this even published as it is clearly plain and simple ignorance, and homophobia which I actually believe is illegal.

Were you to publish a letter requesting that

people not vote for a certain party due to race, I'm certain there would be some investigation involving the police.

This letter is nothing more than a witch hunt. I am certain the fundamental teachings of Christianity are inclusive and loving, therefore those who pick and choose verses for the persecution of others are the real persecutors of Christianity!

Kate Mason, Normanton, West Yorkshire.

News in brief

Valeways guided walks

THURSDAY May 7, 10.30am 'Bluebells'; St Brides Major, car park opposite Fox & Hounds.

Sunday, May 10 at 1pm: Coastal path to Monkash, meet at Monkash car park near lighthouse. Fee payable.

Monday May 11, 10am: Walk and Click, Cosmeston Lakes Country Park, meet near visitor centre.

Tuesday, May 12 at 1.30pm: Somerset Views, meet at Rhose railway station car park.

Wednesday, May 13, 10.30am: Coffee Shop Strollers at Cosmeston Country Park, outside the visitor centre.

Coping with strokes

STAFF at Princess of Wales hospital are working with the Stroke Association to help raise awareness of strokes and work done to help support patients.

As part of the Make May Purple for Stroke campaign, organised by the charity, they will be wearing purple when they host their usual blood pressure awareness sessions on May 11 - 14 from 10am to noon and 1.30pm to 3.30pm outside the pharmacy at Princess of Wales Hospital.

On Wednesday, May 20, there will also be a purple cake bake sale situated outside the Stroke Unit (Ward 2).

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Talk looks at outset of World War Two

ON April 28, Dr Gordon Roderick gave a talk to the Dinas Powys Probus Club on the political situation leading up to the Second World War.

There were five critical days in 1940 before Britain declared war on Germany. The principal players were Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Winston

Churchill and, of course, Adolf Hitler. Chamberlain came from a family involved in industry in Birmingham, Unitarians by religion and social reformers. He did not go to university, nor did Churchill and many other politicians.

As the fear of war grew, he went to see Hitler three times and believed that they were working together to

deal with Hitler's plans for expanding Germany's role in Europe.

In reality, Hitler was hoodwinking Chamberlain, who was regarded as Britain's saviour when he returned from Berlin famously waving a bit of paper that actually said nothing more than Hitler would not go to war with Britain – but this did not prevent him from attacking

other countries.

Churchill was an aristocrat, born in Blenheim Palace and went to Harrow and Sandhurst. He became a hero in the eyes of the public, due to his bravery in the wars in Sudan and South Africa. He was MP for Oldham and a close working colleague of Lloyd George.

Together, they laid down the first guide lines of what would become the Welfare State.

In 1919, under the conditions laid down in the Treaty of Versailles, the aim of which was total humiliation, Germany was penalised for the damage caused by the First World War. Their Army was to be limited in number, as was their Navy, and they were not to develop any military equipment.

It was later realised that these and other conditions were too severe and were later modified. Germany was on its knees and starving due to the British blockade of their ports. They were looking for a saviour, and that was Hitler.

He boosted the economy, he ignored in part the restrictions of Versailles but invaded Austria and

Sudentland, part of Eastern Germany. He also invaded Czechoslovakia which, to its shame, Britain ignored because it was of no interest.

However, when he invaded Poland, Britain was forced to protest and war was declared.

Until that moment, the population of Britain hoped that war could be avoided, almost at any cost, by considering appeasement to Hitler's threats and had tried to accommodate him over his expansionist plans.

Who was now to lead Britain? Chamberlain did not feel he could cope, and was already terminally ill. Lord Halifax was a possible candidate but he was known to be guilty of lamentable judgement in matters of State. He didn't understand Hitler, but preferred to accept unpleasant facts.

At the meeting to decide the issue, attended by Chamberlain, Churchill and Halifax, Churchill

said nothing but stared out of the window until Halifax had talked himself out of the job, and then declared that he himself would take

on the fight against Hitler, whom he personally despised as a tyrant.

He was declared Prime Minister, but on

the understanding that it would only be until the war was over.

The vote of thanks was given by Colin Turner.

HARP TRIO ARE THE FESTIVAL WINNERS



Triawd Ysgol Iolo Morganwg with their trophy.

THREE young Vale harpists were winners in the ensemble competition at the 'South Glamorgan Festival for Young Musicians' which was held at St John's College, St Mellons.

The winners were Triawd Ysgol Iolo Morganwg – three harpists, Cesi Rhys Lewis, Sara Mair Jones and Caitlin Anna Morris.

The adjudicator James Stretton wrote about their performance: "This purred along like a well-tuned Rolls Royce engine. The sense of ensemble was immaculate throughout. Added to this dynamics, colour and projection. Such detail and commitment. Beautiful work."

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Thousands flocked to the RHS Flower Show in the sun!



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IMPRESSIVE gardening displays and colourful blooms saw thousands of visitors flock to the Welsh capital for the RHS Flower Show in Bute Park.

Judging had taken place earlier and for the 11th year, Ron Scamp won best exhibit in the floral marquee for his display of daffodils, described by RHS Judge Jekka McVicar as 'one of the most perfect displays of daffodils I've seen in 30 years'.

Victoria Wade was awarded best show garden for her 'Alfresco' garden.

Katie Draper, show manager RHS Flower Show Cardiff said: "This year's show was packed with ideas and inspiration for visitors to take back to their own gardens."

"What better way to enjoy the fantastic weather than coming to see and stock up on beautiful plants from our award-winning nurseries and gain inspiration from our fantastic show gardens!"

CLASSIC CAR CLUB SHOW AT CARDIFF CITY STADIUM

SOUTH Wales Classic Car Club show takes place on May 17 at Cardiff City Stadium.

A tradition is about to change: The thriving community of classic car clubs has a dynamic calendar of shows in south Wales, attended by enthusiasts from all parts of the UK.

One of the first of the season has traditionally been the South Wales Classic Car Club show, known previously as the Pencoed show, with upwards of 600 exhibitors and a variety of trade and other show stands.

A spokesman said: "The demise of the Tredegar House show promotes the South Wales Classic Car Club show to what we believe is the largest in the region."

"For 2015, a new site has been sought to improve enjoyment and access for all – a secure open space offering hard-standing for all exhibiting classic cars and visitors' cars alike, with grassed areas and on-

site facilities with well-signed routes leading to the venue.

"The date for the 2015 show has also been changed to Sunday, May 17, thanks to the cooperation of the Morris Minor Owners Club."

"The show will now be held in the 1,200-space car park and setting of the Cardiff City Football Club Stadium."

"For trade and auto jumble enquiries, contact Nigel Taylor on 029 2079 7847 and for exhibitor enquiries, contact Ian Thomas on 01443 406333, or visit our website <http://www.swccc.net>."

Public meeting called on Dinas Powys library

RESIDENTS are being invited to a public meeting, to discuss options to ensure library services continue in Dinas Powys.

Organised by the Community Council, it will take place at Murchfield Hall, Sunnycroft Lane on Monday, May 18 at 2.30pm.

Coun Chris Franks, chair of the council, said there appeared to be no alternative but to explore options for residents to play a greater role in the running of the library.

"The Community Council has submitted an 'Expression of Interest' with the Vale Council. Should it seem appropriate, the

Community Council will have to draft a business case to take matters further," he commented.

Representatives of the Vale Council would be present to respond to questions.

"There are major issues to consider in addition to the number of volunteers required, the financial implications and the management of any community-based library. The potential building maintenance issues also need consideration."

"The library celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and faces a crucial juncture. This is an opportunity for residents to help shape the future of library service for the future," Coun Franks added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plant sale

PLANT sale, Lesser Town Hall, Cowbridge CF71 7AD, Saturday May 16 from 10am – 12.30pm.

Interesting and unusual plants grown by our hardy plant society members in south Wales with specialist nurseries attending.

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Car boot

THE Dinas Powys Primary School is holding a car boot sale on the Infants' site (Cardiff Road) Sunday, May 17 (9am – 12). Spaces £7, need to be booked and paid in advance. Barbecue and refreshments available. Contact Lynsey on 07903 821063.

Diabetes talk

VALE of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group meets on Tuesday, May 19 in the board room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm-9pm.

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Volunteers dig in for community garden...



FATHER Ben Andrews and his parishioners are opening up the garden at the back of St Mary's Church, Barry, for the benefit of the whole community, helped by volunteers.

Despite rainy weather on May 2, the church opened for a coffee morning and consultation. Jane Hutt AM joined them to wish them well and to help them seek support for the community initiative.

She is pictured (above) with Father Ben Andrews and some of the volunteers.

'NATURE AT NIGHT' WALK

RANGERS at Porthkerry Country Park are inviting local nature enthusiasts to join them on their Nature at Night expedition on Thursday, May 21.

As part of the Vale's Walking Festival, the Porthkerry Rangers have organised a short night-time walk around the meadows, ponds, and woods of the park, hunting for nocturnal animals.

Bat detectors will be provided, but a strong torch and suitable, warm clothes are essential.

The walk will set off from the Forest Lodge at 8.30pm, returning at around 10pm. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs, however, are not allowed.

On Wednesday, May 27, the Rangers are calling for treasure seekers to join the Go Wild scavenger hunt.

There is a sheet of riddles to solve and 10 special items to find, before returning with the answers to collect your prize.

The hunt begins at the golf hut at 10am, runs until 3.30pm, and costs £2.50 per child.

For those closer to Cosmeston, Rangers are organising a children's pond dip and bug hunt for seven to 11 year olds, to discover the park's fascinating mini beasts.

The hunt is also on Wednesday, May 27, the cost is £2.50 per child, and booking is essential due to limited spaces. The hunt starts at the Rangers' Office at 9.45am.

To book a place or for more information about any events, contact Porthkerry on 01446 733589 or email porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. For Cosmeston call 02920 701678 or email cosmestonlakes@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

'Rhoose Remembered'

THE Rhoose and District History Society will be holding the first of what will be an annual event, entitled 'Rhoose Remembered', on Saturday, May 16 at the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road.

All are welcome to enjoy the display of over 500 photographs and interesting documents which reflect the life, work, school and community activities of Rhoose and surrounding villages over the years.

The society's chairman, Jeffrey James, said: "Are you or any of your relatives in the photos? We also encourage you to bring your own photographs and other memorabilia which you may wish to donate or have scanned to add to our archives."

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Top national award for South Wales storekeeper Elton



Elton Jones of United Carpets and Beds is pictured receiving his award from the group's executive chairman Peter Cowgill.

South Wales storekeeper Elton Jones is celebrating picking up a major national award for his work. For Elton, who runs his own United Carpets and Beds store on Sloper Road, Cardiff, has been voted Franchisee of the Year by the United Carpets Group.

The group – which is currently celebrating its tenth anniversary of becoming a plc – has more than 60 flooring and beds stores across the UK. The award for Elton was announced at the company's annual conference by chief executive Paul Eyre.

"Elton is a well-deserving winner of this hotly-contested award, and the prize reflects his dedication, hard work, commitment and efficiency," he said. "United Carpets are renowned for our excellent customer service and great deals and Elton's store in Cardiff reflects everything that we're about."

Local man Elton took over the franchise of the store several years ago with his wife Elise, and has more than 20 years' experience in the carpet and carpet fitting business.

"I think people appreciate the fact that although we have the buying power of a big company behind us, which keeps our prices down, we're very much a local business staffed by local people. We provide a really friendly service that customers like."

Elton is currently stocking his store with the new Spring ranges and some special offers, and says he's delighted to have won the award. "On the awards night I was thrilled but really surprised to win, because there are so many really excellent franchisees at United Carpets," he said. "The award is also shared with my staff – and I'd also like to thank our customers from all over South Wales, who keep coming back and show us a lot of support."

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Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils report on the (election) reporters!



The group with S4C
News presenter,
Bethan Rhys Roberts.

KING SQUARE in Barry was transformed on Monday, April 20, with a massive white pavilion filling the space in front of the library.

Journalists were milling around with cameras at the ready and the rosette-adorned parliamentary

candidates were waiting to discuss their policies with the public.

This was the BBC election tour and in the melee enjoying the excitement were 14 lucky pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg ready to report on the action.

They interviewed the candidates, questioned the journalists, and chatted with passers-by about their concerns in this area. The students were also interviewed by the BBC and aired their views about future hopes for the country and its politics.

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• The following report was written by

two of the pupils...

The day began with an hour-long debate between the Vale of Glamorgan parliamentary candidates live on BBC Wales. Oliver Hides hosted the debate with BBC parliamentary correspondent David Cornock, and the candidates taking part were: Kevin Mahoney (UKIP), Alun Cairns (Conservative), Chris Elmore (Labour), David Morgan (Lib-Dem) and Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru).

(Also standing are Alan Armstrong of The Green Party and Steven Reed of the Cannabis is Safer than Alcohol Party).

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PUPILS' INSIGHT INTO ELECTION COVERAGE



Twm Aled with Dave the security guard.

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We managed to snag a short interview with Laura, from BBC Wales, and we asked her about the purpose of events like this. She replied: "The importance of today is to hear views from all the candidates in the Vale, so that the public can all decide who they will vote for in the upcoming general election."

We wanted to get two different views from two different politicians; the first was Alun Cairns, representing the Conservative Party. He told us: "Days like this are important on two grounds, the first one being that it allows individual constituents to challenge what the politicians say and, secondly, it allows me to communicate with the community."

We then consulted Chris Elmore of the Labour Party about his plans for the Vale and Labour in general should they be elected this May. He promises that they would increase the minimum wage to £8 an hour, make companies



ABOVE:

Efa Cray, Indeg Evans and Twm Aled. pay the living wage and support young people to get back into work.

Steffan Messenger, from BBC Wales, is encouraging the use of #ineverknew to help young people to understand politics.

He told us: "By using #ineverknew, it helps young people to understand politics and eliminate most of the jargon."

We had an opportunity to use this hashtag to get politicians to answer our questions about their policies and the election in general.

Together with our fellow school reporters, we had time to discuss our future hopes and Tia had the chance to try on a pair of video recording glasses in a technology presentation.

Jack Tweddle and Joseff Nicholas

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JANUARY (April 2015)

Heritage bus trips are a hit in Barry!

RIGHT: A 53-year-old AEC Reliance bus which used to be part of the Devon General Grey Cars touring fleet.

These coaches had narrow width bodies to negotiate the country lanes in Dartmoor and Exmoor national parks.

(Photo by TUDOR THOMAS)

THE Cardiff Transport Preservation Group opened the doors of its heritage vehicle centre last Sunday at the bus depot in Barry for visitors, and ran free bus trips all day.

The charity group ran some regular favourite buses and among them was the 1964 Guy Arab open top bus that used to be owned by City of Cardiff Transport.

With the heavy rain on Saturday and on Sunday morning it thought it would be kept inside the garage but of course, the sun did come out!

Visitors were treated to trips on several different old buses and luxury coaches - like a former 1968 Neath and Cardiff Luxury Express coach that used to run between Cardiff Bridgend and Swansea in the 1970s and an older 1962 Devon General Grey Cars touring coach that used to take visitors over Dartmoor and Exmoor in the 1960s.

Mike Taylor,



our



The open top bus in action outside Morrisons in Barry.

(Photo by Paul Hamley)

chairman of the heritage bus restoration group, said: "The weather looked a bit against us with a wet early morning but the sun came out and everyone who came had a good time."

"It was nice to see local families with children come along, and I was surprised to hear that visitors had come especially for the day to Barry from Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Kent."

"We are now gearing up for our big event on June 14 when we are expecting lots of classic cars to come along to

Barry Island Festival of Transport".

The day was the first chance the public could see the last bus built in Cardiff in 1951, back after 23 years in South Africa. The next opportunity will be at the group's next open day during the big classic car and bus Festival of Transport in June.

Writer's play receives its premiere...

THE first play in Britain to deal with the 'War on Terror' will be presented by the Fluellen Theatre Company today

Thursday, May 7 at 7.30pm at the Taliesin Theatre on the campus of Swansea University.

The play entitled 'My God' involves two returned veterans from the war in Afghanistan, one a soldier, the other a British Mujahadeen who are trapped by an IRA agent and forced to continue the struggle in Northern Ireland.

The play explores emotions of fear, regret, love and loathing and is the debut play of Porthcawl-based

published writer Brian Roper.

Roper said of the play: "This is a serious play about a serious issue which claimed the lives of 435 British service personnel and hundreds of their enemies and which continues to this day".

The play is part of a showcase of new plays being written at the UK's leading centre for creative writing at Swansea University.

Centre director Professor David Britton said: "These plays maintain the high standard that we have achieved here over many years and are part of our award-winning output of fiction and poetry."

Annual plant sale

ON May 24, there will be a variety of bedding plants, perennials, annuals and vegetables at the annual plant sale held in Llanmaes Village Hall from 11am-3pm.

There will also be a raffle and cream teas.

All plant donations welcomed. Please bring them along before 11am. For more information, contact Jackie Wright on 07976698325, or visit www.llanmaesonline.com/contactus.

Romilly gets the seal of approval

THE Vale's largest primary school has had its performance judged to be "good" and its future prospects "excellent", by the national school inspectorate Estyn.

The inspector's report, which was said to make encouraging reading for parents and staff alike, highlights a number of areas of good practice at Romilly Primary and praised the children and the teaching staff.

Pupils are described as being very well behaved and enthusiastic about their learning, while their reading and writing skills are highlighted as "good" and their speaking and listening skills as "very good".

Headteacher Kelvin Law, who also plays a major role in supporting the improvement of other schools across south Wales, welcomed the report, saying: "We are delighted to have received such positive

feedback from Estyn, in particular that the strong commitment of everyone involved with the school has been recognised."

Estyn's report commended the wide range of learning experiences and consistently good quality of teaching offered by the staff and highlighted the rigorous tracking of pupils' progress. It also noted that pupils with additional needs received high quality support.

The governing body was judged to be knowledgeable, well informed and supportive, and acts purposefully as a critical friend.

Following the publication of the report Jennifer Hill, director of learning and skills for the Vale Council, said: "This is yet another good news story for education in the Vale. There are few inspection reports as positive as this and that is a testament to the hard work of Kelvin Law and all of the staff at Romilly Primary School."

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Hayes 'Island' as you've never seen it before!

A48 Barn by Andy Coleman.



THIS month, there was something for everyone on offer at the Vale Photographic Club, with one of the most varied programmes seen for a while.

The month started with a talk by Jan Cawley, an experienced judge and past president of the Welsh Photographic Federation with an evening entitled 'What judges look for' - great not only for those wishing to enter competitions, but anyone looking for advice to improve their photography.

This was followed by

the return of an old favourite entitled 'Cled's Neg'. An event that traditionally started back in the days of film processing was given a modern twist. Members took the same photo - in this case a photograph of the Hayes in Cardiff, and using digital processing software, created a new image that simply needed to retain some of the original picture.

The resulting entries demonstrated creativity and skill, and provided much hilarity, including the Hayes transformed into a harbour, complete with docking boats! A really fun evening designed to develop your photo editing skills.

The month completed with a talk by local member Nick Thornton showing images from his recent trip to Chile and a competition entitled '50 yards from your front door' which really did demonstrate that superb photos can be found literally on your doorstep!

We're also pleased to announce that members Bridget Craddock, Nick Craddock, Mike Davies and Mike Baker all had images accepted into the Welsh Salon, recently opened by Jane Hutt (AM). The exhibition is now open at Barry Library (10am - 4pm) until May 30. Congratulations to all concerned.

For further information on the club, which is open to ages 16 and over (16 - 18-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult), visit our website at www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk, or simply turn up to a club evening - we meet every Friday from September to July at 7:15pm in the Ystradowen village hall.

Whether you're looking to develop your skills as a serious photographer, just starting out with a new camera, or simply looking to take better photographs of the kids, you'll be most welcome.

ANDY COLEMAN

Anole lizard by Mark Lunn.



Poor toilet facilities

I WAS in Bridgend shopping recently where both public toilets were locked up and facilities in the bus station are also minimal.

What can it be like taking children there, and for the owners of private premises?

I think that I am right in saying that local authorities have had a statutory duty to provide sanitary facilities for the public for at least 100 years.

Will the Assembly please enforce it?
Robert Hubbard, Monkash.

Wildlife garden

LOUGHER Moor, in Morfa Lane, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan CF61 2YT will be opening to the public under the National Gardens Scheme later this month.

The wildlife garden comprises ponds and woodlands, and was 30 years in the making - every tree and shrub planted by the owners.

The natural habitat, created out of what was a field of rye grass is now home to a variety of bird life, flora and fauna.

Opening information: Saturday, May 16 (2pm - 5pm), Sunday, May 17 (2pm - 5.30pm). Admission £3.50; child admitted free. Home-made teas.

Journey of a shoebox...

THIS Saturday (May 9) at Bethel Baptist Church Centre, Pontyclun at 10am, Mrs Denise Dickman, a volunteer with Samaritan's Purse, will be recalling her trip last December to Romania, where she witnessed the handing over of the many shoeboxes that were collected on behalf of Operation Christmas Child.

Those attending will also be given an update on last year's successful campaign, when 22,499 shoeboxes were checked and sent out from the Llandow warehouse.

Mr Chris Roberts, Samaritan's Purse assistant director of field ministries, will talk about this year's campaign and there will also be a musical interlude from a close harmony singing group.

Free coffee and tea will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

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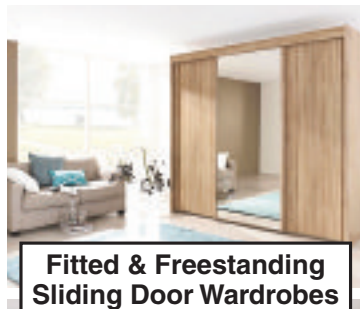
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Llais Lleol – Eleri Roberts

Yn dilyn llwyddiannau corau Ysgol Iolo Morganwg a Heol y March yng nghystadlaethau Côr Cymru 2015 fis Ebrill, Eleri Roberts, arweinyddes y ddau gôr, sy'n ateb ein cwestiynau mis yma.

Ym mha ardal o'r Fro ydych chi'n byw?

Rwyf yn byw ym mhentrefan Heol-y-March, ger Llandunwyd (Welsh St Donats).

Beth yw'r peth gorau am fyw yn y Fro?

Byw mewn ardal wledig, bod yn agos i'r brifddinas, bod yn rhan o fywyd Cymreig y Fro, a gweithio gyda dysgyblion rhai o ysgolion Cymraeg y Fro.

Beth ydy'ch diddordebau?

Cerddoriaeth corawl wrth gwrs, ac hefyd coginio bwyd llysieuol, a siopa am ddillad a sgidiau neis!

Beth ydych chi'n ei fwynhau fwyaf am ddyddu canu ac arwain corau plant?

Mae'n bleser mawr gweld y plant yn mwynhau eu canu, yn gweithio efo'i gilydd mewn tîm, ac yn cael llwyddiant ar ôl gweithio mor galed. Rwyf wir yn credu fod profiadu fel hyn yn helpu plant i ddatblygu hyder a sgiliau bywyd.

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i chi ac aelodau Côr Ysgol Iolo Morganwg a Chôr Heol y March am eich llwyddiant yng nghystadlaethau Côr Cymru 2015. Sut brofiad oedd y penwythnos?

Profiad bythgofiadwy ac emosiynol i'r plant, y rhieni a fi! Mae Côr Ysgol Iolo yn gôr bach ac ifanc, felly nid oeddwn yn disgwyl ennill o gwbl. Roedd llwyddiant Côr Heol y March hefyd yn annisgwyl, gan ystyried safon uchel iawn y corau eraill, ac rwyf yn credu fod y gystadlaethau yn un agos iawn y flwyddyn yma.

Mae'n rhaid i fi ddwedu fod y ddau gôr wedi rhoi eu perfformiad gorau erioed yn y rownd derfynol!

Beth sydd ar y gweill nesaf i'r ddau gôr?



Bydd Côr Iolo yn recordio CD yn fuan ac yn cynnal cyngerdd ar Mehefin 18 yn Acapela Pentrych (croeso i bawb!) i ddathlu ein llwyddiant yn Côr Cymru.

Bydd Côr Heol y March hefyd yn recordio CD cyn diwedd y flwyddyn, ac yn recordio "Senghenydd", gwaith Owain Llwyd i gôr plant a band pres i goffau y trychineb pwll glo gan mlynedd yn ôl, gyda Band Pres Melingriffydd. Wedyn yn 2016 mwy o ystadu!

Gyda pwy fasech chi'n hoffi cael pryd o fwyd?

Er nad wyf erioed wedi ei chyfarfod, buaswn yn hoffi cael pryd o fwyd gyda Elin Manahan Thomas. Roedd hi yn un o feirniaid ansydddogol cystadlaethau Côr Cymru, ac rwyf wedi edmygu ei gwaith hi ers blyneddau.

Pwy ydych chi'n eu hedmygu?

Ar wahân i fy ngŵr(!), Euros Rhys Evans, o'r Rhŵs. Mae wedi cyfansoddi cerddoriaeth gwych i Gôr Heol y March – fe wnaethom berfformio dau o'i ddarnau yn Côr Cymru – "Suon y

Don" yn y rownd cyn-derfynol, a "Diolchwn i Ti" yn y rownd derfynol.

Mae cerddoriaeth corawl Euros yn arbennig ac mae yn wir haeddu cydnabyddiaeth am ei grefft.

Beth yw eich uchelgais am y ddeng mlynedd nesaf?

Wel cadw'n iach ac yn ifanc yw'r nod penna! Mae 'na lawer mwy i'w gyflawni gyda'r plant. Hefyd rwy'n gobeithio bydd llawer o'r plant sydd yn Côr Plant Heol y March nawr yn aros gyda ni i ddatblygu côr ieuencid yn y dyfodol.

Rwy'n gobeithio cyflawni llawer mwy gyda nhw ar lwyfanau Cymru, Prydain ac yn rhyngwladol. Wedyn efallai fe wna'i i ymddol!

Beth yw eich gwyliau delfrydol?

Mae John fy ngŵr yn ceisio fy mherswadio i ni fynd ar daith draws America ar "Route 66" o Los Angeles i Chicago, ac wedyn i lawr i New Orleans, sy'n swnio yn gyffrous iawn! Neu gorwedd ar draeth yn Bali yn clonciau efo fy ffrind Kim sy'n byw yno, heb wneud hynny ers tro!

Le yw eich hoff dafarn neu fwty yn y Fro?

Rydym yn cefnogi tafarndai a bwytaf sy'n lleol i ni, yn arbennig yr Aubrey Arms yn Nhresimwn, a Bar 44 a'r Market Place yn Y Bontfaen.

Mae'r cystadlaethau 'Côr Cymru Cynradd' a 'Feinal Côr Cymru' ar gael i'w gwlyio eto ar S4C Clic tan Mai 23ain 2015.

Angharad

HEB os digwyddiad pennaf mis Ebrill i'n teulu ni ac yn gyffredinol o ran bod llygaid Cymru ar ardal y Bontfaen oedd llwyddiant rhyfeddol Eleri Roberts yn curo'r dwbl yn arwain cor Heol y March a chor ysgol Iolo Morganwg i fuddugoliaeth ysgubol yng nghystadlaethau Côr Cymru.



Ac nid mater bach oedd cipio coron Cor Cymru yn erbyn corau mor wych a Cywair, Parti Lluchwr, Ysgol Gerdd Ceredigion a Bechgyn Bro Taaf.

Roedd llond bws ohonom yn gadael yn gynnar o'r Bontfaen y bore dydd Sul hwnnw, yn rieni prowdd a phlant yn llawn cyffro. Roedd y ffrogiau du wedi eu smwddio, a'r esgidiau yn sgleiniu.

Braint rhyfeddol oedd cael bod yno yn y gynulleidfa a chollwyd ambell i ddeigrin hefyd wrth ymglo i y sain hyfrydaf gaffod y gair ganmol gan y beirniaid rhyngwladol.

Roedd sawl un am wybod beth yw cyfrinach Eleri i gael plant a phobl ifanc i gyd-ganu mor swynol wrth berfformio darnau anodd o safon aruthrol o uchel.

Wel, yn ogystal a'i dawn aruthrol hi wrth gwrs mae'r sylw manwl a roddir i bob nodyn; yr awydd i wneud y gorau bob amser; a'r parch a roddir i Eleri gan y plant wrth iddynt hwy ddygu bod llwyddiant yn dod bwyta lot!

Da iawn bawb arall o Fro Morgannwg a lwyddodd i gwblhau'r ras hefyd a gobeithio eich bod chi'n mwynhau'r cyfnod yma o wneud fawr ddim a bwyta lot!

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Adolygiad

CAFWYD noson arbennig gan Meic Stevens a Gareth Bonello yn nhafar y Windsor, Penarth nos Wener diwethaf, fel rhan o Gigs Bach y Fro.

Roedd Gwenda Richards yno:

Roedd yr ystafell gefn yn llawn i glywed Meic, un o eiconau roc mwyaf Cymru yn perfformio ei ganeuon enwocaf. Gan ddechrau gyda Cân Walter fe symudodd yn gyflym drwy'r repertoire - Gwin a mwy a merched drwg, Ysbryd Solfat, Trywern y Erwan.

Trefnwyd y gig yma gan Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg a diddorol oedd clywed Meic yn diolch am y cyfle i berfformio i gynulleidfa Gymraeg oherwydd yn ei brofiad e, yn ei anaml byddai gig o'r fath yn awr yn cael ei gynnal yn y Gorllewin.

"Cei di ddim cyngerdd fel hyn yn y Gorllewin a diolch i bawb am ddod ma heno – ma ni'n cal hwyli ma yn dathlu ein Cymreictod, achos ma Cymreictod yn y gorllewin ar y ffordd mas." Dwi licio'r ffordd ma Meic yn galw pawb yn 'ti'... hyd yn oed cynulleidfa cyfan!

Wrth gyflwyno 'Gwely Gwag' cyfeiriodd at ei salwch a bod ei



lais yn gwella ar ôl tair blynedd o driniaeth. Roedd yn swnio'n grêt i fi ac yn amrywio o baled fel Bobby Sands i blues y Delyn Aur. Mae'r arthrits wedi dal ei afael ar ei law chwith mynte fe, ond mae'n dal yn gallu trin y gitar fel meistr er iddo cyfadde methu ambell i gord barre yng Nghanolfan. Ymlaen a ni a dechrodd canu 'Daeth neb yn ôl'. Ond stopiodd ar ôl dwy bennill gan wffio'r gan am fod yn rhy hir! Ma'r hiwron 'na o hyd, Ymunodd pawb gyda'r 'greatest hits' fel Douanarez, y

Brawd Houdini ac i gloi, Ar lan y môr. Newidiodd cywair ail hanner y noson gyda Gareth Bonello yn canu caneuon o'r traddodiad morwrol fel Bachgen Mam a Hiraeth am Feirion ac yna sawl cân oddi ar ei albwm The Gentle Good, lle mae dylanwad offerynnau Tseiniaidd yn gryf. Mae'n llwyddo i gyfleu synau y rhain ar y gitar yn arbennig o gelfydd.

Do, we ni di cal hwyli na – ac edrychaf ymlaen i'r Gig Bach y Fro nesaf gyda Steve Eaves fis Mehefin.



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Mawrth	Plantos Heini	Ysgol Nant Talwg	4.45-5.45	£2.50	Meithrin i Bl. 1
Mercher	Athletau	Parc Jenner	5-6	£3	Bl. 1-2
Mercher	Tenis	Clwb Tennis Y Barri	4.30-6	£4	Bl. 1-5
Mercher	Tenis Bwrdd	Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg	6.15-7.15	£20	Bl. 3-6
Iau	Tenis	Clwb Tennis Y Bontfaen	4.30-6	£4	Bl. 1-5
Gwener	Nofio Rhiant a Plant *	Canolfan Hamdden Y Barri	3.30-4	£4	Meithrin i Bl. 1

* **Sesiynau Nofio Rhiant a Phlentyn** – cyfle i blant dderbyn hyfforddiant nofio gyda eu rhieni yn y dŵr. Pwrpas y cwrs yma yw codi hyder y plant yn y dŵr ac i gyflwyno y sgiliau sydd angen arnynt i ddechrau nofio. Am fwy o wybodaeth am y gweithgareddau uchod, cysylltwch â Gareth East ar 07557 322891.



YSGOL GYMRAEG DEWI SANT

MAE pawb yn Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant yn gyffrous wrth weld eu hadeilad newydd yn datblygu!

Mae'r to, ffenestri a'r muriau yn eu lle a'r adeiladwyr bellach yn canolbwyntio ar y gwaith mewnol gan gynnwys y gwres tan lawr.

Mae plant Dosbarth Onnen (Meithrin) a Dosbarth Derwen (Derbyn) wedi cyflawni prosiect ar adeiladu ac wedi mwynhau edrych drwy'r ffenestri i weld beth sydd yn digwydd.

Meddai Miss Phillips yr athrawes Feithrin "Mae'n ddoniol. Bob diwrnod rydyn ni'n gosod y celfi a'r offer yn yr ardal allanol ac ar ddiwedd pob dydd mae'r plant wedi eu symud er mwyn sylu ar y gweithwyr.

Mae'r craenau a'r peiriannau symud pridd wedi bod yn ddiffrwch mawr!"

Mae'r plant wedi cynllunio murluniau ar y ffiniau pren sydd yn gwahanu'r maes oddi wrth y gwaith adeiladu ac mae grwp o staff a rhieni brwdfrydig wedi bod wrthi ers tro yn eu paentio. Roedd dewis rhydd gan y plant ac felly mae cymysgedd o Sali Mali, bwystfilod, morladron, anifeiliad y jyngl a chwaraewyr rygbi wedi'u arlunio!

Mae'r staff a'r plant wedi bod yn rhan o'r cynllunio o'r dechrau gyda newidiadau yn cael eu trafod yn ofalus. Mae'n rhyfedd faint o



drafod fu ynghylch â tai bach a'r cilfachodd cotiau!

Mae'r plant wedi claddu "Cist Cofio" o dan y llawr yn y derbynfa newydd sydd yn olrhain datblygiad yr ysgol yn ogystal ag adnoddau y ddangos cipolwg o addysg yn 2015.

Mae'r Pwyllgorau Eco ac Ysgolion Iach nawr yn ysu i helpu creu yr ardaloedd allanol gan gynnwys prosiect ar y cyd gyda'r Gymdeithas

Rhieni i greu llwybrau ffritwrdd ar y maes a rhaniroedd yn yr ardd.

Mi fydd yr ysgol bresennol yn diflannu yn ystod wythnos gyntaf gwyliau'r haf a'r adeiladau yn cael eu symud i ddwy ysgol arall yn y Fro. Mi fydd yr ysgol newydd ar gyfer 210 o ddysgiblon 4-11 oed ar agor ym mis Medi yn gyfer 52 plentyn o fewn seisiynau bore a phrynhawn.

Sêr Eiry – Taurus



Eiry Palfrey



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OS cawsoc'h eich geni rhwng Ebrill 21ain a Mai 21ain rydych chi'n Taurus. Arwydd daear, o dan reolaeth Gwener – planed serch a harddwch.

Rydych felly yn berson artistig ac ymarferol. Fe all pob ddiwyddyn amoch chi, wneud chi byth adael neb i lawr. Rydych chi'n hoffi'r pethau gorau mewn bywyd, bwyd da, bywyd moethus.

Rhaid i chi fod yn gyffwrddus, neu mi fyddwch yn anhapus iawn. Rydych chi'n hoffi'r wlad, byd natur, garddio a blodau, ac yn hoff o gael pethau prydfwrth o'ch cwmpas. Mae'n bosib eich bod yn gerddorol iawn, neu yn artist.

Fe allwch fod yn swil weithiau, ac weithiau'n araf i ddysgu, ond mae gennych gof gwyb. Mi fyddwch bob amser yn barod i helpu ac i weithio'n galed.

Mae sicrwydd yn bwysig iawn i chi, sicrwydd cartre, swydd, ariannol... rydych chi'n hoff iawn o arian!

Onid i'r gwrthwyneb, o dro o dro fe allwch fod yn styfnig iawn, yn enwedig os nad ydych chi'n cael eich ffordd eich hunan. Dy'ch chi ddim yn colli'ch tymer yn aml, ond pan fyddwch chi'n gwneud fe ewch chi'n wyllt!

Yn hollol fel tarw gwyllt! Dych chi ddim yn hoff iawn o droio pethau newydd. A fe allwch fod yn ddiog weithiau, a mwynhau bywyd cymaint nes ennill cryn dipyn o bwysau.

Tawreaid enwog: Gareth Lewis (Meic Pierce), Janet Aethwy, Dewi Pws, Barbara Streisand, Mary Hopkin, Syr Kyffin Williams.

Geraint Scott

CWRS SADWRN YN SAIN FFAGAN

Ar y 25ain o Ebrill, cynhaliwyd Cwrs Sadwrn Canolfan Cymraeg i Oedolion yn Sain Ffagan.

Roedd pawb wrth eu boddau yn cerdded o amgylch y manau hanesyddol. Ond yr uchafbwynt i lawer oedd cael siarad gyd gweithwyr yr Amgueddfa ac ymarferwr Cymraeg. Roedd criw o lefel mynediad yn glynnu i'r hyn roeddylt yn ei wybod megis "Pwy wyt ti?" "Ble dych chi'n byw?" "Beth yw eich rhif ffon?" Dwi ddim yn siwr os oeddynt yn cael yr atebion cywir gyda'r trydydd cwestiwn!

Roedd y gwersi wedi cael eu lleoli yn adeilad Oakdale oedd o flaen Eglwys Saint Teilo. Roedd pawb wrth eu boddau yn cael eu gwersi yn yr adeilad hanesyddol, ac fesul dosbarth roeddylt yn cael ymweld â'r Eglwys. Cawsom wybod lawer o hanes Sant Teilo oedd yn ddiwedol tu hwnt. Fe'i aned yn 500ac yn Penalun, Sir Benfro a bu farw yn 60 mlwydd oed. Roedd yn gefnder ac yn ffrind i Dewi Sant ac ef oedd esgob Eglwys Llandaf. Roedd yr Eglwys Gatholig yn Sain Ffagan yn llawn cerfluniau ohono. Hefyd, ar hyd y waliau roedd lluniau amrywiol o storïau'r Beibl, gan nad oedd pobl yn gallu darllen na deall y Lladin roedd y pregethwyr yn eu trafod yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw. Ond stori Santes Catrin wnaeth ennyn trafodaeth y dysgwyr.

Santes o Alexandria yr Aifft wnaeth droi ei chefn ar baganiaeth i addoli y Iesu a Duw Cristnogol oed. Roedd yn dywysoges ac yn ysgolhaig, ond daeth yn Grigion yn bedair ar ddeg oed ac fe drodd cannoedd o bobl i Gristnoghaeth yn ei dilyniant. Ond, unwaith y gwnaethpwyd hynny, cawsant eu gyrru i'w farwolaeth! Doedd yr ymarawdwr Maximian ddim am glywed am hyn, felly aeth ar ei hól a'i danfon i'w marwolaeth.



Ceisiodd ei arteithio a'i charcharu yn gyntaf, ond methiant oedd hynny. Oherwydd ei harddwch fe gytunodd i'w phriodi os byddai'n roi nŵl at Beganiaeth. Ond, unwaith eto, gwrthododd Catrin. Felly, rhoddwyd ar yr arthaf gwaethaf, sef ei chlymu ar olwyn bigog a'i throli yn araf tra bod tŷn yn berwi oddi tani. Gwrthododd Catrin rhag ildio ac yn ôl y sŵn, fe dorwyd yr olwyn gan ei phwerau goruchnaturol. Wrth ddod yn rhydd gorchynnodd Maximian i'w filwyr dorri ei phen i ffrwd. A dyna pam fel arfer y gwelwyd cerfluniau o Santes Catrin gyda chlefyd yn ei llaw. Yn ogystal â hynny, dyna pam enwir y roedd tan gwyllt yr 'Olwyn Catrin'.

Roedd y diwrnod yn wych a gwnaeth pawb fwyhau yn fawr. Cofiwch, mae'r cwrs Sadwrn nesaf ar gael yn y Brifysgol ei hunain ar y 13eg o Fehefin. Mae cwrs preswyl yn neuadd Gregynog cyn hynny rhwng yr 8fed a'r 10fed o Fai. Oriau o ddysgu, dawnsio gwerin a canu ar gael! Ymrestrwch nawr ar learnwelsh.co.uk

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Cynhaliwyd Gŵyl Wanwyn Merched y Wawr yn y Bontfaen yn ddiweddar.

Daeth criw da ynghyd i wrando ar ferch leol Megan Morris, myfyrwraig yng Ngholeg Cerdd a Drama, Caerdydd, yn canu'r delyn yn feistrolgar.

Caefwyd sgwrs gan Huw Roberts, Llysgennad Sefydliad y Galon, sef elusen y mudiad eleni a chasglwyd £64 trwy werthu ategolion. Enillodd Eluned Scott Davies o gangen Tonynguboriau wobr



Y delynores Megan Morris

gyntaf am Fara Brith gyda burum a Gwyneth Davies o gangen Cwm Rhymni ar glawr llyfr.

Llongyfarchiadau mawr iddyn nhw a phob lwc yn Llanellwedd. Diolchodd Is chasglwyd £64 trwy werthu ategolion. Enillodd Eluned Scott Davies o gangen Tonynguboriau wobr

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MAE Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro yn darparu cwrs Addysg, Gofal a Datblygiad Plant Lefel 2 trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg, gan ddechrau ym mis Medi.

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Os hoffech chi gysylltu â'r Coleg am fwy o wybodaeth, ffoniwch 030 30 30 10 10 neu ebostiwrch info@cavc.ac.uk

Canlyniadau Celf A Chrefft Eisteddfod Yr Urdd 2015



WEDI beirniadu Celf a Chrefft Genedlaethol yr Urdd mae'n bleser gen i ghyhoeddi bod y criw canlynol wedi derbyn gwobr ar lefel genedlaethol, ac fe fydd eu gwaith yn cael eu harddangos yn y babell celf yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd yng Nghaerffili (Mai 25ain - 30ain).

Gwaith Creadigol 2D Bl 5 a 6: 1af Betsi Mountford, Grace David, Emily Harris, Ffion Jones a Lowri Jones (Ysgol Sant Curig).

Argraffu Bl 5 a 6: 2ail Mared Seeley (Ysgol Pen-y-Garth).

Mwgwd neu Byped Bl 7, 8 a 9: 3ydd Cadi Haf Rhys Binney (Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg).

Gwaith Creadigol 3D Tecstilau Bl 5 a 6: 1af Mali Jones (Ysgol Gwaun y Nant).

Cyfes o Brintiau Monocrom Bl 2 ac iau: Anna Delve (Ysgol Nant Talwg).

Cyfes o Brintiau Lliw blwyddyn 2 ac iau: 2ail Brochan Evans (Ysgol Nant Talwg).

Dylunio a Thechnoleg Bl 2 ac iau: 2ail Grace Ingram (Ysgol Pen-y-Garth).

Llongyfarchiadau hefyd i ysgolion Gwaun y Nant a Sant Curig ar ennill cystadlaethau Pêl-droed cymysg a merched Caerdydd a'r Fro. Fydden nhw nawr yn mynd ymlaen i gynrychioli'r rhanbarth yn y gystadleuaeth genedlaethol yn Aberystwyth ar yr 9fed o Fai. Pob lwc iddyn.

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'Nothing to see here' – the average retail customer might think – but they would be very wrong!

Experts in a wide variety of trades are busy on the business park – sometimes going out to customers, but often giving a warm welcome to people with a problem that needs solving. A case in point is Mark Edwards, of

Llandow MoTs. Two years ago, his company worked primarily with commercial vehicles, but then he decided to open an MoT bay.

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Mark told The GEM that word of mouth had been important – together with effective advertising – and that it proved that the Vale Business Park was a great base to work from.

There are so many specialists on the park, from heating and plumbing to home

furnishings, from lawnmowers to printers, from oil suppliers to chimney stacks – and from motor mechanics to joinery companies.

A drive around the business park (keep a note pad handy) can save you a trip much further afield.

The Government is always talking about the importance of SMEs (that's Small and Medium Enterprises to the rest of us) and on the Vale Business Park that is just what you will find – businesses that are small enough to value their customer, and enterprising enough to make a difference!

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00475/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Erection of a single storey timber shed less than 2.5 metres in height and with a floor area less than 15 square metres
Location:/Lleoliad: 7, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhedredig Affecting 7, Pwll y Min Crescent, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00441/RG3
Proposal/Cynnyg: Replacing existing 1FE Primary School with a new 2FE Primary School (Inc. Nursery). Providing Secondary School with approx 5400m2 of new build accommodation and refurbishing the main existing along Ham Lane. Remaining buildings will be demolished to make way for new 3G Pitch and MUGA along with associated car parking and landscaping.
Location:/Lleoliad: Llanilltud Fawr/Llantwit Major Primary and Infant Schools, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major

Application No/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00422/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Installation of a glasshouse, packing building, accommodation and welfare facilities
Location:/Lleoliad: Springfield Nurseries, Llandow

Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 Proposed development at Wimborne Road, Barry.

I give notice that Raymond Brown Minerals & Recycling Ltd is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Facility for the recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge of £100.00 for a paper copy or free of charge for CD copy from Stephen Bowley Planning Consultancy, Ferndale, Tiddington, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 2LQ so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 28 May, 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 28 May 2015 quoting reference 2015/00360/FUL.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8 Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Wimborne Road, Barry

Hysbysir trwy hyn Raymond Brown Minerals & Recycling Ltd n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyle Facility for the recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals.

Cafodd y cynnyg ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd brynu copïau o'r datganiad am £100.00 for a paper copy or free of charge for CD copy from Stephen Bowley Planning Consultancy, Ferndale, Tiddington, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 2LQ tra bydd y stoc ar gael.

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yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau rhesymau tan 28 May, 2015.

Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 28 May 2015 am ddilynnu'r cyfeirnod 2015/00360/FUL.

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 7 May, 2015

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Four-legged pals centre stage at Victoria Park!

PHOTOGRAPHS by ANGELA MAGEE

TEL: 07540 095908

FOUR-legged friends of all shapes and sizes were thrilled to get along to the Seventh Annual Charity Fun Dog Show at Victoria Park in Barry, on Sunday, May 3.

Ten 'classes' were held including 'fastest', 'waggiest tail' and 'precious puppies'. There were lots of stalls too – funds raised go to animal charities.

As you can see from local photographer Angela Magee's images, the event was blessed with sunshine, and the dogs loved being the centre of attention.



ABOVE:
Alfie, the sprollie,
and Skoobi, a
lurcher cross –
they both came
with their owner
Rebecca.



ABOVE:
Jackson the miniature dachshund with
Huw Jones and Jo John.



ABOVE:
German Shepherd Harley is 14 weeks old
and came with his owners Dan and
Nicola of South Wales Dog Walking Club.



ABOVE:
Buffy, a terrier mix, with Bracken,
a chocolate springadore.



ABOVE: Buffy, a terrier mix, with
Bracken, a chocolate springadore.



ABOVE:
Mona's missing one of her back legs, but
that doesn't hold her back in the slightest.



ABOVE:
James Gibbs with Dotty and Livvy.



ABOVE:
Jade with Oreo, a gorgeous
14-week-old cockapoo.



ABOVE: Dexter,
just six weeks old,
was at his first
dog show.



ABOVE:
Lois the Boxer – what
a gorgeous face!



ABOVE: Mr
Snuffles the
Chihuahua.



ABOVE:
Labrador Peppa
came with
owner Stacie Ivory.

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Ffordd Cwm Ciddy, Woodland Heights, Barry - £275,000
Four/five bedroom detached split level residence. Generous rear garden with areas laid to patio, decking and lawn. Driveway and single garage. Close to Porthkerry Country Park and beach and all local amenities. Ideal family home. EPC rating: D.



Maes Glas, Woodlands Rise, Barry - £249,950
Four bedroom detached residence within the West end of Barry. Accommodation: Hallway, Lounge, Dining area, Sitting room, Kitchen, Utility room, Conservatory. Downstairs w/c. Family bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway. EPC rating: D.



Churchfields, Barry - £225,000
Four bedroom detached property situated within the East end of Barry. Comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Modern fitted kitchen, Utility room, Downstairs w/c. Bathroom and en suite shower room. Gardens to front and rear. Garage and generous Driveway. EPC rating: D.



Blackberry Drive, Barry - £202,950
Four bedroom detached property situated in a cul-de-sac location towards the West end of Barry. Accommodation: Hallway, Downstairs w/c. Two reception rooms, Kitchen/breakfast room, Conservatory, Family bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC double glazing, GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Off road parking. EPC rating: D.



Westward Rise, Garden Suburb, Barry - £195,000
Three bedroom semi detached property Comprising: Hallway, Two reception rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway. In need of updating. Overlooking Porthkerry Woods.



Westward Rise, Garden Suburb, Barry - £195,000
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Two reception rooms, Kitchen, Lean to summer room, Bathroom and separate w/c. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway and Garage. In need of updating. EPC rating: D.



12 Southesk Place, Barry - £179,950
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lean-to conservatory. Downstairs utility w/c. Bathroom. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. EPC rating: B.



40 Oxford Street, Barry - £159,950
Two bedroom semi detached property in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Downstairs w/c. Living room, Kitchen/dining room, Bathroom. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Double garage/workshop. UPVC d/g. GCH. EPC rating: D.



33 Enfield Drive, Hunters Ridge, Barry - £154,950
Three bedroom semi detached property in North Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom, UPVC double glazing, Gas central heating, Generous enclosed rear garden. Driveway. Single garage. EPC rating: D.



Woodham Close, Barry - £136,950
Three bedroom end link property situated towards North Barry. Comprising: Entrance porch, Hallway, Lounge/dining room, Kitchen, Bathroom. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Detached single garage. UPVC double glazing, GCH. EPC rating: D.



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Queen Street, Barry - £120,000
Two double bedroom property in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Small utility area and downstairs w/c. Bathroom. Rear garden. UPVC d/g. GCH. EPC rating: D.



Llanmead Gardens, Rhosce - £184,950
Three bedroom detached residence. Comprising: Hallway, Living room, Kitchen/breakfast room, Downstairs w/c. Bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway and Single garage. EPC rating: C.



Gladstone Road, Barry - £169,950
RENOVATED THROUGHOUT AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED Three bedroom bay fronted property, Comprising: Hallway, Dining room, Lounge, Kitchen/breakfast room, Cloakroom, Bathroom. Forecourt, Enclosed, well maintained rear garden. Garage. EPC rating: D.



Dovey Close, Cwm Talwg, Barry - £169,950
Well presented two bedroom link detached property in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/dining room, Conservatory, Modern white bathroom suite. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Driveway and Garage. EPC rating: D.



Tynewydd Road, Barry - £167,500
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the heart of Barry. Comprising: Open porch, Hallway, Two reception rooms, Modern fitted kitchen, Rear porch, First floor bathroom, UPVC double glazing, Gas central heating, Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. NO CHAIN.



Wenvoe Terrace, Barry - £152,500
Three bedroom terrace property situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Summer room, Kitchen, Utility area, White bathroom suite, UPVC d/g. GCH. Forecourt and rear garden. EPC rating: D.



North Walk, Barry - £149,950
Well presented two double bedroom semi detached property on a corner plot in the North of Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/dining room, Conservatory, Wet room to ground floor, Shower room to first floor, UPVC d/g. GCH. Wrap around gardens. Gated driveway. EPC rating: D.



Kathleen Street, Barry - £141,500
Extended, four bedroom terrace property situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility/shower room. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. EPC rating: D.



Kingsland Crescent, Barry - £119,950
Three bedroom mid terrace property situated in the heart of Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge/sitting room, Kitchen, Dining room, Summer room, Bathroom to first floor. Partial UPVC double glazing, GCH. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. NO CHAIN. EPC rating: D.



Beaconsfield, Romilly Road, Barry - £107,950
Two bedroom maisonette with views across the Waterfront, Bristol Channel and Somerset coastline. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Living room, Kitchen/breakfast room, Shower room, UPVC d/g. GCH. Garage nearby in a block. NO CHAIN. EPC rating: E.



Longacre Close, Barry - £105,000
Two bedroom link property situated on the Glenbrook development. Comprising: Open plan kitchen/living room, Bathroom, UPVC d/g. GCH. Rear garden. Parking for one vehicle. EPC rating: C.



David Street, Barry - £99,950
RENOVATED THROUGHOUT Two double bedroom mid terrace within the East end of Barry. Accommodation: Inner porch, Hallway, Living room, Newly installed kitchen and ground floor bathroom. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed, low maintenance rear garden. NO CHAIN. EPC rating: D.

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Mr Phillip Young – **Land at Ynyston, Leckwith** – Development creating floorspace of 125 sq m on agricultural land for agricultural purposes.
 Mrs Sarah Lavender – **Land at Maes y Fro, Llysorwney** – To erect a polytunnel measuring 16ft x 24 ft.

Waverley Care Centre – **122 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Demolition of the single storey reception roof and the erection of a new first floor, including associated enabling work.

Mr Mohammed Siddique – **Deri Sant, Station Road West, Wenvoe** – Erection of a timber fence around the eastern aspect of the property adjacent to the vehicle exit gate.

Bellway Homes – **The Television Centre, access to ITV Wales Television Studios, Culverhouse Cross** – Variation of condition 7 of 2013/01152/OUT; demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site for residential purposes.
 Mr Rod Young – **3 Craig yr Eos, Ogmere By Sea** – Proposed garage with living accommodation above ref 2014/01117/FUL.

Mr David Meaden – **14 Llandaff Close, Penarth** – Single storey extension to rear of the property, roof angle adjusted to rear of property to allow for rooms within loft area, new flat roof porch. Walls to be raised to existing single storey front bedroom to allow for new loft conversion above. Dormers to be formed within the roof.

Mr Rob Ashman – **4 Voss Park Close, Llantwit Major** – Existing conservatory removed new single storey rear extension.

Mr Sid Gautam – **14 Clinton Road, Penarth** – Double extension to the rear including a basement with a single storey extension to the side.

Mrs Aisha Wardell – **38 Victoria Road, Penarth** – Proposed single storey utility room side extension and increased area of patio, bi-fold doors to the rear elevation.

Mrs Kate Rees – **15 Westbourne Road, Penarth** – New driveway on the front and vehicle cross-over.
 Miss Francesca Sanders – **Land at St Johns Well, St Athan** – Erection of 100 two, three and four bedroom houses and associated works.

Beechwood College – **Hayes Road, Sully** – Erection of three temporary portable buildings; Retention of three demountable units.

Five park Road Ltd – **5 Park Road, Barry** – Demolition of single storey storage building to rear and conservatory to side. Conversion and extension of existing dwelling to provide six self contained flats and provision of new vehicular access with associated parking and amenity areas.

Newydd Housing Association – **Former Magistrates' Court, Thompson Street, Barry** – Amendment to permission 2012/01114/FUL; change from 6 x 3 bed houses, 33 x 2 bed flats and 13 x 1 bed flat to 6 x 3 bed houses, 32 x 2 bed flats and 14 x 1 bed flats.

Mr and Mrs Kempton – **35 Cornerswell Road, Penarth** – Reconstruction of part of the rear of the property in poor repair.

Mr D Harding – **15 Hawthorn Avenue, Penarth** – Proposed ground floor bedroom, sitting area and shower room.

Mr and Mrs Michael Pratt – **Glen View, 99 Penlan Road, Llandough** – Construction of new two storey, four bedroom detached house in garden of existing residential dwelling house.

Mr and Mrs Michael Hammett – **Hafod y Gan, Ogmere Road, Ewenny** – Raising of ridge height with accommodation to roof, ground floor windows and internal modifications.

Mr Philip Hanmer – **Y Ffermdy Gwyn, Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan** – Proposed glazed porch and veranda to side entrance.

Raymond Brown Minerals and Recycling Ltd – **Wimbourn Road, Barry** – Facility for the

recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals.
 Stavakis Consultants – **Former Friends Lodge, Hayes Point, Sully** – Conversion and refurbishment of former lodge building to a three bedroom bungalow.

Mr J Taylor – **White Gables, B4268 Llysorwney to Pentre Meyrick boundary, Llysorwney** – To replace existing extension with a uPVC white conservatory on the rear of the property.

Mr Rory McLaggan – **Tymaen Barns, near Ewenny** – Proposed to take up and remove a section of the existing cobbled floor in barn and concrete.

Mr Mike Harris – **46 Grove Terrace, Penarth** – Two storey rear extension.

Mr Jason Price – **Site known as West Pond, Barry Waterfront, Barry** – Amendment to layout as permitted by applications 2009/00946/OUT and 2012/00773/EAR including changes in house type, alteration to affordable housing provision and increase in number of dwellings up to 139.

Anne Brown – **Llangan Primary School, Llangan** – Demolition of an existing demountable unit and relocated replacement double demountable unit.

Mr John Homfray – **Disused weighbridge and office, Llwynhelig Farm, Cowbridge** – Construction of a detached laundry room and office for use in connection with the existing un-catered hostel accommodation together with associated engineering and other operations.

Mr J McCarthy – **Tynywaun Farm, Newton** – Single storey extensions to front and rear of existing single storey dwelling (resubmission of application reference 214/00111/FUL).

Mr A Jones – **Brook Farm, Llanmaes** – Amendments of site boundaries and location of dwelling within the site, new gazebo structure adjacent to swimming pool, and replacement storage building in lieu of an existing dilapidated railway carriage, house animal feed and small livestock/poultry.

Insite Poster Properties – **Unit E1, Westpoint Industrial Estate, Cardiff** – Erection of free standing advertising structure comprising two 12m x 3m LED digital displays.

Mr Owen Bull – **Torriddon, 3 Cefn Mount, Dinas Powys** – Two storey rear extension for new ground floor kitchen and first floor bedrooms and family bathroom. Single storey rear extension for games room.

Mr Timothy Whinney – **28 Victoria Road, Penarth** – Block paving to drive and footpath.

Mr Roger Edwards – **Amelia Trust Farm, Five Mile Lane, Barry** – Glasshouse.

Mr Geraint Spargo – **Boverton Grange, Mill Road, Boverton** – Amendment to 2014/00694/FUL; remove higher level of glass above doors and replace with block and render to match existing building.

Mr Steve Bussell – **26 Cilgant y Meillion, Rhooose Point, Rhooose** – Construction of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage.

Mr Adrian Chilcott – **38 Westward Rise, Barry** – Single storey rear extension to accommodate new living area (lounge and dining room).

Mr Christian Ogden – **14 Victoria Square, Penarth** – Proposed demolition of existing single storey rear extension, erection of new single storey side extension at the rear, alterations to existing detached garage, minor internal and external works.

K F Lee Executors – **Land at Cardiff Road/Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys** – Outline application for residential development, together with alignment of initial section of highway linking Cardiff Road and Cross Common Road.

Simon and Clare Tomlinson – **23 Cardigan Close, Dinas Powys** – Single storey rear domestic extension.

Mr Keith Scott – **3 Greenmeadow Close, Dinas Powys** – Single storey rear extension, loft conversion and roof alterations.

Mr David Jones – **Sunnycroft, College Street, Llantwit Major** – Retention of garage and car port.

Mrs Susan Sullivan – **24 Seaview Place, Llantwit Major** – Retention of double garage.

Mrs Geraldine Ridout – **53 Plas Taliesin, Portway Marina, Penarth** – Proposed single storey extension to kitchen, new balcony and windows. Project previously approved, minor amendment to front elevation windows only.

Castleland Renewal Area Team – **238 Holton Road, Barry** – Take down the elevations to Holton Road and Lower Morel Street and rebuild.

Mr Glyn Jones – **St Johns Well, St Athan** – Removal of condition nos 22, 23 and 24.

BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB RESULTS

THE latest competition results at Brynhill Golf Club are as follows:

Barry and District News Cup: Winners, Andy Chick and Michael Murray, nett 51.

The seniors section, under the captaincy of Mr Ralph Thomasm,

started their season with a home win against St Athan on April 9, and a win away against the Grove on April 16 was followed by a narrow defeat away to Mountain Ash on April 29.

The club would like to wish Ralph all the best for the coming season as the senior section

captain.

The Daily Mail Foursome pairing of John Windle and Clive Cureton were successful in the first two rounds, beating Dinas Powys and St Andrews Major and we wish them well in the next round away to Wenvoe Castle.

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Margaret Joan (Joan)

Peacefully at Barry Hospital on 30th April
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wife of the late Doug, much loved Mum of
Monica and son in law John, cherished nan to
Chris, Phil, Jennie, Richard and Vicky. Great
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FARTHING

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Resting at AG Adams & Son funeral home, Gladstone
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DAVIES

Iris

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THOMAS (nee Clemo)

Maureen (Mo)

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Scott and Curtis, dear sister of Gareth and
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Alan

Pauline, Julian and Angharad would like to
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Jonquil Amanda

Passed away on 25th April 2015 at the Heath Hospital.
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KERSLAKE

Malcolm Edward

Who sadly passed away on the 23rd April.
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Christopher Albert (Chris)

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of rugby hosts over
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Cowbridge were
placed in a group of
four, and first up was
Chelmsford. Cowbridge
got off to a flying start
with a convincing 30-0
win. Dan O'Sullivan
started the scoring with a
well-executed backs
move from an attacking
scrum just outside
Chelmsford 22.

Next Jack Dixon
gathered a clearing kick
just on the Chelmsford
10 metre line. Dixon set
off on an amazing run
resulting in him beating
six Chelmsford
defenders to score under
the posts.

From the kick off
Jack Little gathered the
ball and set Reuben
Williams off for a length
of the field solo try.

Cowbridge scored
three more tries in the
second half. O'Sullivan
scored his second try of
the game following a
quick tap penalty taken
by Ioan Williams.

O'Sullivan quickly got
his hat-trick try, when he
pounced on a loose pass
by the Chelmsford
scrum half following
some great pressure
from Iestyn Fenn.

Cowbridge's final try
of the game was created
by R. Williams, who
passed to Rowan Allin
who finished the try
without a hand being
laid upon him.

Next up were Builth
Wells. The teams had
recently played each
other in the Blues Cup
quarter final, which
Cowbridge won 15-0.

This game was no
different, resulting in
another 15-0 victory for
Cowbridge.

First up, R. Williams
burst through the Builth
midfield to score under
the posts. Then Dixon
finished off a slick backs
move to score out wide,
after receiving a superb
pass from Iwan Price-Thomas.

Finally, Allin scored
the try of the game
following an impressive
10-metre pass from
behind his back by R.
Williams.

Cowbridge's third and
last game of the day was
against Sevenoaks. With
the scores level at 0-0 at
half-time, the second half
saw E. Thomas cross the
line. He showed great
handling skills by
catching the ball with
one hand before side
stepping his way to the
line.

The second try of the
game came via Dixon,
who set off on another
one of his fantastic,
menacing runs. Dixon
side-stepped three before
out pacing the covering
defence to score his third

try of the day.

The final try of the
game was scored by H.
Ridge, who intercepted a
pass from the Sevenoaks
scrum half after some
great defensive pressure
from Ben Jones the
Cowbridge open-side
flanker. Final score
Sevenoaks 0, Cowbridge
15.

As a result of their
day one performance
Cowbridge were now
into the cup competition
on day two.

First up, were
Fairwater, Cardiff. Just
as the game started the
heavens opened and the
boys had to adapt to
playing a different type
of rugby against an
aggressive Fairwater
pack.

With numerous
interruptions from the
referee the boys
struggled to get their
game going. After a
fractious start, Allin
scored his third try of
the tournament finishing
off a great backs move
to score in the far right
hand corner.

With the game
entering the final stages
of the first half,
O'Sullivan burst through
the Fairwater midfield to
score his fifth try of the
tournament.

As the game entered
its final quarter, Iwan
Price-Thomas crossed
out wide on the left
following a powerful run
by Luke Connor. R.
Williams finished off the
Cowbridge scoring when
he kicked out of a tackle
by the Fairwater centre.

Fairwater did not let
their heads drop and got
a try of their own with
the very last move of the
game. This was the first
try Cowbridge had
conceded during the
tournament, the game
ending Fairwater 5,
Cowbridge 20.

In the final game of
the tournament,
Cowbridge faced local
rivals, Kenfig Hill.

Cowbridge opened the
scoring with a well-
executed tap penalty
move. I. Williams passed
to Luke Connor, who
showed great power to
force himself over the
Kenfig Hill line.

Kenfig came straight
back and levelled the
game. From a drop out
22, the Kenfig Hill
centre ran the ball back
the length of the field,
beating six Cowbridge
defenders in the process.

The boys showed
great team spirit and
courage to fight their
way back into the game.
At a line-out, Little stole
the ball and the backs
then put together a great
handling move to put
Dylan Hughes over for
his first try of the
season.

In the closing minutes
Cowbridge showed
incredible team spirit
and defensive work rate,
to thwart Kenfig from
crossing their line.

Final score... Kenfig
Hill 10, Cowbridge 10.

Good luck to the team
for their Blues Cup final
on Sunday, May 17 at
The Arms Park. **GJ**

Farmers head to Llanishen!



Sponsor Brian Lakin presents winner Clive Thomas with the Sigma3 trophy. Also in photograph Geoff Hinchley, Trevor Wooding and society captain Brian Jones.

LLANISHEN Golf Club, Cardiff, nestled in the shadow of Caerphilly mountain with its stunning views across the Bristol Channel over to the Somerset coast proved an ideal venue for the recently held monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.

A near record attendance of 43 competitors were also keen to extend a very warm welcome to new sponsors Sigma3 Kitchens and Bedrooms, whose chairman and well respected Vale resident Mr Brian Lakin started this family business in 1975.

With many quality prizes supplied by the days sponsor waiting to be won it was not surprising that only two points separated the top four finishers with the overall winner Clive



An injured David Williams talking to runner up in the guest section Alan Husband.

Thomas coming from the back of the field to take first prize with 34 stableford points.

Missing a short putt on the final green proved costly for runner up Trevor Wooding who also finished with 34 points but lost out with an inferior back nine; Gareth Perkins with 32 points finished third and Ray Howells also with 32 points finished fourth.

In the guest section Geoff Hinchley and Alan Husband had the benefit

of playing on their home course to finish first and second with 29 and 28 points respectively.

Nearest the pin on the par 3 holes were Aubrey Bowen, Mark Rees, Trevor Wooding, Alan Husband, Julian Kelly and also society captain Brian Jones, who had only recently returned from a cruise around the Bristol Channel!

Dan Jarvis won the longest drive prize and society president Geraint Davies returned home with the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whiskey when correctly guessing 49 balls would fail to make the journey home. This resulted in £85 being raised for Ty Hafan.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, at Fairwood Park Golf Club when members will be competing for the Shrieval Trophy sponsored by Mr Mark Rees and family.

Congratulations to Tyla Rhosyr, Cowbridge housewife Mrs Mearl Owen, for spending the last 50 years with husband Bryan and always making sure he is one of the society's best dressed golfers.

Nipper Jewell knock-out draw, second round: Martyn Edwards v Dan Jarvis, Keith Davies v Godfrey Lewis, David Williams v Trevor Wooding, Brian Jones v Glyn Watts-Jones, Geraint Davies v Jim Hayes, Aubrey Bowen v Mark Rees, Tony McCarthy v Neil McLean, Rob Llewellyn v John Davies - matches to be played by Thursday, May 28. TMC

It's 'walk rate' rather than 'work rate' as football veterans visit

AS the second match of their UK tour, the Victoria Legends FC is composed of players aged 56 to 75 in the UK to enjoy a friendly game of soccer followed by a chance to interact with local players, experience the rich history of the UK and sample real ale.

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Peter Denby, who is still playing at 75.

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ALAN ROBINSON

Local team visit CCS



RHOOSE Athletic Year 6 football team were recently treated to a day at the CCS as Cardiff City took on Bolton Wanderers.

The tickets were gifted to the team courtesy of Cardiff City FC Community & Education Foundation.

Although the result was not as we hoped the lads had a great time and took in some valuable tips in preparation for their first competitive season.

The Year 6 team are seeking players for next year's Year 7 football which is 11-a-side in the Vale league. We have attracted players from Barry, St Athan and other surrounding areas and welcome new and old players to join us as we continue on through the summer period, training once a week in Rhosce.

For more information please contact Paul Humphry on paul.humphry@live.co.uk or on 0770 009661.

PH

Friendly win for Cadoxton bowlers

THE Cadoxton season started with a midweek friendly at Windsor, Penarth.

Paul Swannick captained his first match, with a win on a closely matched rink. A '4' for the visitors brought the scores level on the fifth end, but the home side regained an advantage of 13-6.

This difference was gradually whittled away making the scores level once again at 14-14. The scores were still level with two ends left, which were won with two singles with Paul moving the jack on the last end for the vital shot.

Phil Ellis skipped his rink to a narrow one shot success. A four shot advantage was held by his rink with four ends left. Three of these brought success to the home side to bring the scores level, and another last end single ensured the victory.

Arthur Field and Ray Morris found it hard going in the early stages and it was left to skip Don Kuhnell to contain the deficit to just singles.

However the difference changed dramatically when Arthur and Ray drew four perfect bowls on the 13th end. The home side were unable to score again, with Dennis Hammond also giving good support, until a consolation single for the home side on the last.

Derek Brook found stiff opposition on his rink with the home side failing to score on just three ends.

Scores: S Clements, R Byrne, D Tuck, D Brook 3-21 T Evans, T White, S Ellard, P Moorish; J Stacey, A Prince, A Guest, P Swannick 17-15 T Owen, J Worlock, A Daniel, D Howells; A Field, R Morris, D Hammond, D Kuhnell 18-12 J Armstrong, R Ellis, D Rosery, D Hales; G Powell, D Fanning, J Ferguson, P Ellis 13-12 M Fullbrook, S Latham, R Williams, J Hardess. Final score: 51 - 60.

CADOXTON V CAERAU ATHLETIC The availability of players for Cadoxton's first competitive matches on Saturday was very limited and the 'A' side fixture had to be cancelled.

The first team hosted a 'Carruthers' game against a young side from Caerau. They are well known for the coaching of juniors.

Although they were two players short and conceding a quarter of their shots on two rinks, they were too strong for the makeshift team that Cadoxton were able to field.

Miky Banks, the coach for this young team, skipped against Don Kuhnell's rink, with two of the boys making a triple. They had an excellent game, but with Jim Stacey playing superb lead bowls they were always chasing the game and in a close game the home team eventually drew away in the closing stages.

Howard Craven picked up four shots during the first three ends, but this score

wasn't improved until two '4's brought them briefly back into the game on the 12th and 13th ends. Four more were added with 6 against during the closing ends.

Gordon Davies skipped a rink against Mikey Brain, one of their star juniors, and confessed they were much too good for them. The visitors took a 11-0 lead after three ends, this was reduced by four during the next three, but the remainder of the scoring mainly went against.

Roy Harding had Alex Brain in opposition and didn't get much joy, scoring just six singles in their defeat.

Hopefully a stronger side can be selected for future games, when more members become available.

Scores: E Heppenstall, I Heppenstall, D Hammond, G Davies 9-30; G Powell, P Swannick, P Ellis, R Harding 6-31½; R Cole, R Byrne, D Tuck, H Craven 16-23; J Stacey, I Robertson, D Brook, D Kuhnell 21 - 13½. Final

ATOMS REACH SEMI-FINAL

BARRY Atoms recently took part in a tournament in Abergavenny.

First up was a touring Scottish side, who looked quite capable with good technique and lots of pace. Barry started off very pacy themselves and scored after several phases, the ball ending up in Harry's hands.

In a man of the match performance Jack R scored the second for a 2-0 win.

Next up was the home side Abergavenny; they had some big lads who weren't afraid to mix it about, but then again so do we.

Scoring a powerful try through Anton and another by Jack R meant we won this game 2-1.

The game against Monmouth was going to be a real tight affair, with both sides unbeaten and vying for top spot.

Grit, determination and battling spirit got us through this game as Jack R scored the only try for a 1-0 win.

Looking like a future captain, Jack L was organising plays and right the way through out the side boys were stepping up.

In the semi-final we faced Caerleon, but we didn't play with the same intensity, and lost 2-0.

Squad: Jamie, Kaiden, Fin, Anton, Iestyn, Adam, Connor, Rhys, Daf, Jack L, Jack R, Taylor, Zak, Couchy, Ben, Ethan, Cai, Harry.

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Tennis is on the menu at local club!

THE newly-formed Barry Community Tennis Club has delivered on its mission to bring affordable and accessible tennis to the people of Barry within a few weeks of its establishment.

As part of the Lawn Tennis Association's initiative to get families on court together during its annual Highland Spring National Mini Tennis Month, Barry Community Tennis Club hosted free parent and child sessions at Romilly Park every Friday and Saturday for three weeks.

Each family attending received a booklet from the LTA and every child received a mini tennis goodie (wristbands, racquet dampers/grips or keyrings).

The club will also provide the LTA's newest

initiative, Tennis Tuesdays, which is fun, social tennis just for ladies, every Tuesday 7-8pm and with places limited, pre-booking is advised.

Forthcoming events also include the Quorn Family Tennis Cup on Friday, May 28, where you can get on court with your child (10 and under) to play doubles against other families on a mini tennis court, for family pride and prizes, as well as a series of Great British Tennis Weekends over the summer, in conjunction with national tennis events providing free opportunities to grab a racquet and get on court to have some fun.

For more information about the club, check out their website www.barryctc.co.uk or their Facebook and Twitter pages, email info@barryctc.co.uk or call 07816 311263.

Charlotte Breeze-s past the rest!

THE biggest cheers at the Tredegar Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at misty and drizzly Lower Machen were for dedicated hunt-racing enthusiast Charlotte Breeze, whose eight-year-old bay gelding CastleGrace ran out an easy, 10 lengths winner of the open maiden race.

CastleGrace, which Charlotte bought at the Ascot Sales last year, was ridden by former national champion James Tudor who was chalking-up his 250th winner between-the-flags (he's also ridden 34 winners under rules). James, who hails from the Vale, needs 20 more wins to equal the Welsh record of 270 wins set by another rider from the Vale, the legendary John Llewellyn, who was a steward at the meeting.

James said: "This was a steering job really and a lot of the credit must go to trainer Michelle Harris." Another rider from the Vale who had plenty to smile about was Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, aged 26, who notched-up his first ever double when winning the confined race on 20-1 outsider Rainbow Haze and the young horse maiden on Moontripper, both trained in the Vale by Kathryn Dando.

The homebred Rainbow Haze, jointly owned by Michael Armitage and Kathryn's husband Phillip, handily placed throughout, won by four lengths from Mr Sawyer (James Tudor) and his rider said: "He jumped really well."

Moontripper, a six-year-old bay mare owned by Vale estate agent Anthony Brown, and who has been described as "a bit of a handful" held on by three parts of a length, after leading three fences from the finish from the favourite Captain Camelot (Nick Williams).

Racing got underway with a three-horse members' race and the favourite Ski Sunday, who is blind in one eye, finished alone after outsider of three Quiltime unseated her rider, Ms George, who was having her first ride in a point-to-point, at the third fence and then James Tudor departing from Heavenstown at the 11th fence.

Ski Sunday was ridden by 22-year-old Darrach Skelly from Limerick in Ireland who rides out for Vale National Hunt trainer and former national champion point-to-point rider Evan Williams.

The Subaru Restricted Open race went to the Croome & West Warwicks invader Annamult the 7-4 favourite which made nearly all the running to win by two lengths from Andrew Leyshon's Distant Sound (Evan David) which had made a bold effort three fences from the finish.

Annamult, owned by Alan Phillips, was partnered by Aly Stirling, aged 26, from Cirencester. Zara Phillips saw her Frankenstorm (Tom David), who showed some early pace, finish last of the five runners.

Only three horses faced the starter for the men's open race and although the favourite Divine Intavention made every post a winning one under Mark Wall, Patricktomboru and Evan David tried hard to narrow the gap on the second circuit and despite making a mistake at the penultimate fence was only beaten by a short head. "He always gives his best," said Mark on dismounting from the 11-year-old bay gelding who is owned by Henry Wilson and trained by Francesa Moller and qualified with the Heythrop Hunt.

As for the unlucky Patricktomboru, he will be going into training with Evan Williams to race under rules.

Keith Pritchard's Watch The Birdie, who had chipped a bone in her near hind leg which had got

into a ligament last October, was back to her brilliant best when winning the ladies' open race by a length from the favourite Cygnnet, who had been held up by Jodie Hughes.

Watch The Birdie, who also won the best turned out award, was ridden by Hannah Lewis who said: "She's very excitable but she was a different horse today and that was fantastic." Wales' most loved point-to-pointer, Chesnut Annie, who had recently won her 40th race, trailed home in fifth place.

Watch The Birdie was the second leg of a double for Bridgend's Gareth Moore, who had also saddled Ski Sunday, winner of the members' race.

JAMES MAKES IT 251

Twenty-four hours after chalking-up his 250th winner at the Tredegar Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases, James Tudor, aged 31, made it win number 251 when winning the restricted race on High Hatton at the Radnor & West Herefordshire meeting.

High Hatton is owned by Cowbridge's Jeff Bird and trained at Merthyr Mawr by Jonathan Tudor.

At the Banwen & Vale of Clettwr fixture on May Day Monday, Omore-by-Sea's Nick Williams won the first race to be held over the new racecourse and described the track as being 'beautiful'.

Riding the ex-Rebecca Curtis trained National Hunt performer BoyFromNoWhere, the odds-on favourite, he came home 20 lengths ahead of Mumbles Pier ridden by Richard Patrick and trained by Jonathan Tudor. BoyFromNoWhere is owned by Alan Rhead and trained at Bridgend by Gary Moore. However, the day's riding honours went to John Mathias who won on his six mounts, a feat he achieved in 2011. He is the only British rider to have partnered six winners at a single meeting.

The ladies' open race was won by Highly Unlikely, who was ridden by Tenby's Charlotte Evans.

Connor Brace, aged 13, won the 138 cm open pony race over seven furlongs on his 12-year-old bay mare Molly, but in a close finish to the 148 cm pony race his Dont Tell Dai was beaten by Gollum, ridden by 15-year-old Isabel Hunt.

BRIAN LEE

'Terry Nolan Day' at Murch Bowling Club

CELEBRATING its 25th anniversary this year, the Murch Bowling Club opened the current outdoor season on Saturday, April 18, designated 'Terry Nolan Day' in memory of one of the founder members who established the club in 1990, and who contributed greatly to its development in the subsequent years.

This year, for the first time, the players were competing for the Terry Nolan Trophy, to be awarded annually on this day.

The club president Mrs Judy Fudge, men's captain Marc Hughes and ladies' captain Sheila Mauchline, welcomed the members to the open day festivities on a beautiful sunny day.

Players then chose their places around the green to bowl for the customary bottle of whisky, which was won by Terry Phillips, the men's vice captain.

The mixed rinks enjoyed an afternoon's bowling with the winning rink of Ron Crouch, John Evans, Judy Fudge and Tony Rice receiving the Terry Nolan Trophy.

Players and spectators alike adjourned to the clubhouse for the customary buffet and evening celebrations.

Barry Athletic celebrate their anniversary

THIS summer, Barry Athletic FC celebrate their 40th anniversary.

The club are holding a disco with buffet for players, officials and supporters both past and present at the Masonic Hall in Barry on Saturday July 4.

Tickets for the event need to be purchased in advance and are priced at £10; please contact Steve Heathfield on 07795 560476 or Adey Heathfield on 07886 074230. The club can also be contacted on bafc75@gmail.com.

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Rain stops play at Millwood

LAST Wednesday, Millwood played a friendly away to Barry Plastics; unfortunately no scorecards were handed in, but all enjoyed the trip and the game.

Saturday should have been an inter-club team friendly, but the inclement weather made sure that not a bowl was delivered. All members were quite disappointed about not playing, at least everyone

there was informed that this weekend games will start again in earnest.

The club side are away to Maesteg Welfare in the Carruthers Shield starting at 2.30pm. There is a meeting in the clubhouse, the time is on the sheet, while the A' side are home to Llantwit Major in the next round of the South Vale League. Again start time is 2.30pm, meeting in clubhouse is noted on sheet.

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Wolves go on tour to Minehead!

THE young lads from Dinas Powys Wolves recently attended the UK's biggest youth football festival in Minehead Butlins.

Playing teams from England and France, the experience was something the boys will not forget.

In the opening match, the villagers played local side Hanham Athletic and set about the English team with the sort of football we have seen all year from the boys, winning 8-0.

Their next match was against the bigger French champions, As Champs Sur Marne. Dinas started

the brighter and were camped in the French half for long periods but struggled to score against the bigger lads. A few decisions didn't go their way as the French team got the winner, scoring from a free kick.

Dinas now had two matches remaining on the opening day so it was time to dust themselves down and get back to playing football.

They certainly did this, winning both games, 5-1 against Bridgewater Wolves and 4-0 against Trinant Tornadoes. It was a great opening day with the boys playing the right way. What then followed was a night of madness

and laughs.

After a late night of partying, Dinas faced four tough matches on day two.

First up were Workingham & Bracknell FC, and this match went to the wire. Dinas peppered their goal but some fine saves and last ditched defending kept the score 0-0 with minutes left. However, this young team know that you keep passing and moving, chances will come and two fine late goals wrapped up the match to make it 2-0 to Dinas.

Now it was the derby match against AFC Rumney Juniors and this was certainly the best

performance the Dinas boys put in all weekend. The movement and one touch football was first class as they ran out 5-0 winners.

This set up a 'winner takes all' match against Chelsea Academy School. After a setback, conceding a goal from a free kick in the opening minute, Dinas were again camped in the English team's half but failed to convert their chances as the woodwork and keeper denied them. Chelsea then ran out 2-0 winners as their lively striker put the game to bed.

In the final match, Dinas played north London team Enfield Town, and what took place typified all that's good about these lads.

Enfield had been struggling with numbers through sickness and injuries so Dinas dropped their numbers to play.

It was a great match played in the true sporting spirit. At one point, a number of the Dinas players turned their shirts inside out and played for Enfield. The final score was 8-1 to Dinas.

It was a great weekend as the boys certainly put the Vale on the map with the football they played and the striking pink kit they wore. A big thanks to all the players and parents for making this a great few days.

DINAS WOLVES 10 - DINAS LIONS 4
This certainly wasn't a

classic performance by the Wolves as a long weekend of football looked as if it had taken its toll on the young lads.

Wolves took an early lead with goals from Harewood, Saunders and Hewitson, but struggled to get their passing game going as too many players were too happy to take everyone on. Further goals from Hewitson, Harewood, Booker and Quest increased their lead.

Wolves ran out comfortable winners with more goals from Harewood, Saunders and Pierra while Lions hit back with a couple of fine strikes from H Benson.

LS presented by his family

Barry gala brings out swimming clubs

THE first gala held for the Ray Sutton Cup was in 1995, the year following the death of Barry Amateur Swimming Club's longstanding chief coach and chairman.

Ray had been a strong supporter of the Barry club for many years and his work had mainly been coaching swimmers at the Cold Knap outdoor swimming pool or in the winter at the RAF pool in St Athan.

The cup was presented by his family

to the Barry club for inter-club competitions, in memory of Ray.

Last Sunday Barry Amateur Swimming Club hosted the 21st Ray Sutton Gala at the leisure center.

It was attended by several other clubs, Llantrisant Sharks, who brought two teams, Celtic Dolphins and Cwmbran. Barry also had two teams.

Barry ASC is currently rebuilding its team following the departure of several good swimmers, so this was a good opportunity to show the newer team members what club swimming is all about.

The competition was fast and furious and gave some of the newer and younger Barry members their first chance to swim in a gala.

The gallery was full of parents and supporters from all the clubs and the poolside was also a very busy area with the swimmers, coaches and officials milling around.

Our senior swimmers worked very hard and won a few races showing the newer swimmers what they can aim for in our next competition.

The 'older' quartet of

Ryan, Jack, Bethan and Georgia, who make up our club captains and vice captains all put in some excellent swims and helped gain much needed points for the club.

This was a fun gala with all the relay races made up of two male and two female swimmers, designed to build team spirit.

All the swimmers tried their hardest and we congratulate them all on their efforts.

At the end of the gala every club said that they had very much enjoyed the competition and the friendly and welcoming atmosphere at Barry.

Llantrisant Sharks were the winning club - they always attend our galas and enjoy the welcome and the friendly competition; Celtic Dolphins were the runners up so Barry didn't win the gala but had fun trying - maybe next time!

If your family enjoys swimming and would like to join our swimming club, do make your way down to the Barry Leisure Centre after 7pm on Mondays or Fridays - please contact Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784 if you'd like more information. SB

Atoms' tournament win

BARRY Atoms went into the Llantwit Major tournament in fine spirit and with a good attitude.

They took a squad of 20, and a player who came to support with a broken arm!

The following scores are all in tries, as there were no conversions.

Tonyrefail 0 Barry Atoms 1

This was a very tight affair against strong and purposeful opposition who showed good rugby flair. The try was scored by Rory.

Llandaff North 0 Barry Atoms 2

We played a determined side, not wanting to give up the ball, but they were no match for an Atoms side that were positive in the backs and powerful up front. Great team play resulted in tries by Jack Reid and Daf.

Rhydyfelin 0 Barry Atoms 4

This was possibly the least

challenging test for the boys. We bossed it and ran out easy winners through phase play well worked right through the ranks, leading to tries by Jack Reid (two), Rory and Fin.

Llantwit Major 2 Barry Atoms 3

This game proved to be the toughest test, and there was no surprise, as they are local rivals. Tries by Jack Reid and Rory made sure this tight affair went to the Atoms, and meant they would be in the cup final, having only conceded two tries all day.

Final - Tonyrefail 1 Barry Atoms 5

The Atoms were by far the best team here as three tries by Jack Reid, with tries apiece from Rory and Jack Norman, ensured victory.

Team: Owen, Jack R, Adam, Jac N, Jack L, Harry, Couchy, Iestyn, Rory, Mason, Ben, Cai, Ethan, Taylor, Rhys, Daf, Fin, Jamie, Anton, Connor; cheerleader with broken arm Eski.

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Latest news from Barrivale

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club for April 21 are as follows:

First, Mike Close and Mick Green, 61.98 per cent; second, Denis Mottram and Jenny Vaughan, 60.42; third, Sean and Ann Macdougall, 53.65. Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles won on handicap.

Results for April 28:

First Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan 76.19 per cent; second Peter Millar and Denis Mottram 56.35; third Celia and Huw Thomas 54.86. Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join, call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm. Alternatively, beginners or improvers/new starters would be welcome on a Friday at 9.45am at the above address.

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Brian Lee's point-to-point recollections - 1983

THIS was the year, as our racing correspondent BRIAN LEE's press clippings scrap book reveals, that Cowbridge's own John Llewellyn made hunt-racing history by becoming the first Welshman to win the national point-to-point riders' championship outright.

'The 1983 Welsh season got under way with the Banwen Miners fixture at Erw Lon, Pencader, and the ladies open race was won by the legendary Sue Aston who riding Million Dollar Man, a horse which had run in the Epsom Derby six years earlier, finished a length ahead of Derrick Llewellyn's prolific National Clover.

Paul Hamer, of Bridgend, landed a first and last race double. He took the members' race on Anascend and division two of the maiden on Flashout, St Athan farmer John Thomas partnered his grandfather's 12-year-old Cottage Chest to a five lengths victory over the favourite Flap in the adjacent hunts race.

The men's open went to the odds-on favourite Brigadier Mouse ridden by Barry Thomas.

The reigning Welsh champion rider Cowbridge's John Llewellyn 'looked to have the

point-to-point owners association club race well and truly won when going to the last fence clear on Promoter, but took a tumble which left the way clear for the favourite Ashburton and David Stephens.'

However, a week or so later, my report on the Brecon Hunt Steeplechases was headlined 'Llewellyn Lands A Double' and read: 'Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn landed a double at the Brecon Hunt Steeplechases.

He took Gemmerley Jane to a two-length win over ex-hurdler If And When in the second division of the men's open, and partnered Matey to an eight length victory over Dance Master in division three of the restricted open event.

In the ladies' open, odds-on favourite National Clover had four lengths to spare over the pacemaking Little Trouble. Brecon's Brian Eckley won the maiden on Loch Raven and the members' race on Glynn Valley.

At the Gelliager Farmers, Herbert Gibbon's Quiz Master set a record when winning the members' race for the fifth time.

Twelve-year-old Quiz Master, who had missed the previous year's race owing to injury, was ridden by Tim Rooney.

John Llewellyn was in fine form at the Pembrokeshire Hunt Steeplechases where he won the first three races. He took the members' race on Matey, the open on Gemmerley Jane and the restricted on Garrigill.

Merthyr Mawr's Jonathan Tudor won the maiden on Bright Hope, while at the Llangibby, Joan Stephens, of Penhow near Chepstow, won the RMC Group Ladies Open race on Casha which won by 25 lengths from Drumman.

At the Monmouthshire, I reported that 'Violet Higgs' Magic Rock fell twice during the members' race and still emerged the winner. Magic Rock, ridden by farrier Andrew James, was heading Kanda Fair, ridden by Andrew's apprentice Rodway Heathfield, when it fell at the 10th fence leaving Kanda Fair with a clear lead.

Quickly remounting, Andrew chased after Kanda Fair, and was closing the gap only to fall again at the 14th fence. Not to be outdone by his apprentice, Andrew got back in the saddle again and rode with such gusto that by the time Kanda Fair had reached the last fence he was alongside him and, sprinting away on the run-in, Magic Rock scored by eight lengths.'

These days, riders are not allowed to remount their horses once they have fallen in a race. Bridgend's Gary Perkins had a comfortable win on Chevalgo in the maiden race at the Talybont

where Abergavenny's Mark Richards rode a double on Andryama in men's open and Ballybuck in the restricted. At the South Pembrokeshire Philip Mathias rode a treble with Celtic Hill, Zarzalitine and Flap and his older brother Richard won on Ferriter.

There were 233 entries for the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point at St Hilary and under the heading 'Llewellyn Treble' I revealed: 'One of the oldest point-to-pointers in training - Rose Harry's 17 year-old Fitz - won the members' race.

Fitz, known as 'The Grand Old Man of Welsh Hunt Racing', was the first leg of a treble for John Llewellyn, who is putting in a strong bid for the national men's point-to-point riders' championship. Llewellyn also won the Open on Master Straight and the first division of the Maiden on Ashercan.'

At the Tredegar Farmers, where John Thomas won the restricted on 25-1 chance Gerrard's Cross, Crosstown, a 12-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Barry farmer Ted Williams landed the open race.

Ridden by Bassaleg's Tim Rooney, Crosstown took up the running approaching the second last fence and scored by four lengths from Scriven Girl.'

My report for the Penttyrch that year read: 'Shock Win By Shan-At 33-1' and I went on to say: 'Rhonda farmer's daughter Shan Morgan the Welsh women's point-to-point champion, rode her father's Ivor Hael to a shock 33-1 victory.

She beat Last Score ridden by John Llewellyn in the restricted open event. Llewellyn, however, landed a double with Brock and Mr Moneybags. Mr Moneybags put up a fine performance for a five-year-old when winning the Welsh Point-to-Point Grand National Open race in a time of 8mins, 21secs for the four miles course.'

Poor old Fitz had led over the last only to get caught on the run-in by Mr Moneybags to whom he was giving 14lbs.

Under the heading 'Cheers Bring Shame' I reported: 'In all the years I have been following point-to-point racing I have never known anyone to delight in the fall of a horse.

But last Tuesday at The Ystrad during the ladies' open race it happened. Some sections of the crowd cheered when Derrick Llewellyn's National Clover, who was leading Norman Jones' Drumman by about 15 lengths, fell at the last fence.

One can only assume that these 'hunt-racing enthusiasts' had backed Drumman and were cheering through their pockets. All right, so the fences are there to be jumped and one would not wish to take anything away from Drumman, who

incidentally had run in the Ladies' Point-To-Point Championship at Chepstow Racecourse the previous day.

But National Clover's owner, Mr Llewellyn, who has helped to put Welsh point-to-pointing on the map as a rider and an owner must have been hurt by the crowd's bad behaviour - not to mention the feelings of the rider, young Mandy Lingard.

National Clover, with seven wins behind her this season, needed that win to put her in the running for the Grand Marrier Championship as two horses share the lead with eight wins. Thankfully National Clover appeared all right after her fall.

Not so lucky was Gerrards Cross who had to be put down after falling in the earlier Adjacent Hunts event. Nothing to cheer about there, that's for sure.'

It was at this meeting that John Llewellyn took the restricted race on Western Princess and Paul Hamer rode a double on Red Vein in the members' and Yellow Jersey in the adjacent. However, Yellow Jersey was months later disqualified by the Jockey Club and his owner Geoffrey Hamer told me at the time: "Yellow Jersey lost the race because he was not in compliance with the general conditions of the race."

And finally, under the heading 'Llewellyn Brings Trophy To Wales' I wrote: 'Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn made point-to-point history on Saturday by becoming the first Welshman to win the Daily Telegraph Trophy, which goes to the leading rider.

Llewellyn, 37 next month, brought his total of wins to 19 when landing the first division of the men's open race on 14-1 outsider East of Eden at the Torrington Farmers fixture which ended the season. And one of the first to congratulate on his success was reigning champion Peter Greenall (Incidentally, he's now a Lord) who, in the second division, partnered Cheekio Ora to a win over Llewellyn's mount Master Straight.'

Llewellyn's total of 19 wins in a season bettered Tim Rooneys Welsh record of 16 which had been set in 1981.

*Please e-mail your point-to-point stories and pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone me on 02920736438.

BRIAN LEE

The Barry & District mens skittles league

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Bridge results

RESULTS of the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for April 27:

1st Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 69.16%, 2nd Marjorie Morris & Wendy Williams 56.49%, 3rd Tony Disley & John Evans 56.25%.

Results for May 4:

1st Liam Sheridan & John Beard 67.05%, 2nd Barrie Waite & Graham Norris 59.72%, 3rd John Evans & Steve Burgoyne 57.58%.

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MAY Day bank holiday weekend saw 197 people completing the inaugural Barry Island parkrun 5k race.

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Dinas Powys GC ladies' results

ON April 7, an 18 Hole Jubilee 3s was held:

1st Maxine Hird, Sian Smith & Audrey Harwood 77pts, 2nd Louise Wilding, Ann Mahenthalingam & Sue Bridle 72pts, 3rd Lisa Ryley, Angela Brown & Annie Blackburn 70pts.

On April 7, a nine hole stableford was held: 1st Angela Thomas 15pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 14pts.

On April 14, an 18 hole Australian Spoons: 1st Louise Wilding & Pat Gosling 36pts, 2nd Angela Brown & Audrey Harwood 33pts, 3rd Sue Bridle & Annie Blackburn 30pts on back nine from Maxine Hird & Ruth Yates 30pts.

On April 14 a nine hole stableford: 1st Angela Thomas, 2nd Kit Roblin, 3rd Terry Unwin.

On April 21, an 18 hole Medal Challenge

Bowls: silver division - 1st Sue Bridle 88 - 19 =69 nett, 2nd Lisa Ryley 92 - 16 =76 nett, 3rd Angela Brown 95 - 19 =76 nett. Bronze division - 1st Sian Smith 95 - 21 =74 nett after countback, 2nd Audrey Harwood 98 - 24 =74nett, 3rd Ruth Yates 101 -23 =78 nett after countback Annie Blackburn 101 - 23 = 78 nett.

On April 21, a nine hole stableford: 1st Pam Warne 16pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 15pts, 3rd Angela Thomas 14pts.

On April 28, an 18 hole medal 2: 1st Annie Blackburn 91 - 23 =68 nett, 2nd Louise Wilding 82 -11 = 71, 3rd Sue Bridle 92 - 18 =74.

On April 28, a nine hole stableford: 1st Pam Arne 17pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 16pts on back six from 3rd Angela Thomas 16pts.

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Youth team land East District Cup... And quadruple is now within their sights!

COWBRIDGE Youth recently travelled to Rumney RFC to face Pentyrch in the final of the East District Cup, this being just one of four trophies they remain in contention for this season.

The intention of the Pentyrch side was evident from the start – using their impressive forward power to pin Cowbridge in their own 22 for extensive periods.

For Pentyrch, both Scanlon and Hayward were at the heart of everything and carried well, but they were unable to convert pressure into points, and the Cowbridge defence held firm.

Heartbreakingly for Pentyrch, on three occasions Cowbridge attacked audaciously from under their own posts and scored, with tries by Cameron Gibbon, Tom Lucas and Scott Griffiths.

As the half wore on, Cowbridge began to gain parity in terms of possession and field position, and their desire to attack at every opportunity continued to pay dividends with further tries by Zac Summerhayes and Scott Griffiths, resulting in a half-time score of 31-0 (conversions by Josh Thomas and Sam Richards).

Pentyrch were first to strike in the second half from a well-rehearsed catch and drive, and while this was just reward for their first half efforts, it proved to be their final meaningful

attack. With the introduction of Connor Wyatt, Joe Davies, Tom Evans, Joe Knott and Llwyd Elms from the bench, Cowbridge increased their grip on the game.

An impressive second half hat-trick for Joe Davies was suitable reward for his tireless support work, while Zac Summerhayes grabbed a second and the strong running of Llwyd Elms earned him a memorable try.

This wrapped up proceedings with a final score of 59-5, and Cowbridge were crowned East District youth champions for the first time in their history.

Also congratulations are due to an extremely young BD side, who, having dominated their division with 10 wins from 11 games, have been confirmed Blues BD league champions.

Similarly the BC side under the leadership of Dan Holder, having won all of their league games (averaging over 40 points per game while conceding a total of just 2 – statistically the strongest performing side throughout the Blues divisions), will hope to have done enough to win their league in the coming days.

These successes follow on from BC reaching the last four of the Welsh Cup (suffering their only loss of the season to last year's Welsh Champions Penallta), and a famous tour victory over Toulon Academy in the autumn. **JD**

Adrian lands men's title at bowling club

ON Sunday, May 4, Llantwit Major Bowls Club held its men's championship final, a final that had to be postponed from the end of last season due to unforeseen circumstances.

Competing were Ambrose Horgan and Adrian Woods. Adrian is fairly new to lawn bowls, yet played crown green bowls before moving to Llantwit Major a couple of years ago.

Adrian became a regular in the first team quite quickly after joining the club. It was no surprise to see him doing well in the club competitions, as he plays consistently well in club matches. He is also the men's section's honorary secretary.

Ambrose, a regular player for both the first team and the A team for a number of years, is also a selector for the

club. He is also an active club member outside of the team games.

Ambrose began the final strongly, being five shots ahead after five ends, both players drawing to the jack competently, yet Ambrose gaining the winning shots in the early stages on most ends.

These early ends were played mainly on ¾ length jacks, and this suited Ambrose more. Yet, when Adrian got the jack after seven ends he delivered full length jacks for the majority of the rest of the match. This tactic worked for Adrian as it took Ambrose out of the game on many of the latter ends.

Ambrose only managed to gain three shots in 11 ends for the rest of the match, Adrian gaining many multiple shot gains in the last 10 ends, and the final score was Ambrose 8, Adrian 21.

If anyone is interested in joining Llantwit

Major Bowls Club we warmly welcome both male and female members of all ages and ability. We have a variety of fun and competitive games throughout the season, as well as a friendly club night 'roll up' on a Monday evening. Coaching is available for novices and experienced players on a Tuesday evening.

The men's section have matches of various formats against other sides on a Wednesday evening, Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Wednesdays are normally cup matches, Thursdays the men play in a triples league, and on Saturdays are the league matches.

If anybody wishes to find out more about joining the club then pop down - it is situated next to the rugby club, the club is open from 2pm till dusk seven days a week. **NP**

THE COWBRIDGE UNDER-12S END SEASON ON A HIGH!



The Cowbridge under-12s have celebrated a successful season together.

THE last match of the season saw the Cowbridge under-12s playing Pontypridd, a side with strength in depth who had beaten Cowbridge previously with relative ease.

From the start, this was a tough encounter with Ponty fielding a strong team with some experienced district players. On paper, it was Ponty's for the taking.

Cowbridge had other ideas and put out their strongest team, with the first half being a close affair, with neither team willing to give ground.

During this period, the Cowbridge tight five of Dave Thomas, Lloyd Bennett, Max Hall, Lucas Reid and Rees Williams exerted considerable pressure on the Ponty scrum.

Good foraging work and intense pressure on the Ponty backs by McKinley Parsons, James Davies and Rees Williams, also assisted Cowbridge to repel the strong Ponty attack through their direct running centres.

Just before half-time, from a rare foray into the Ponty half, Jack Riley at scrum half (who put in a man of the match performance) picked up and sprinted 25 metres to score a well-worked try, dragging two despairing tacklers over the line with him.

Unfortunately the tricky conversion was missed by stand off Harry Whitaker, who otherwise had a commanding game overall.

The second half saw much of the same, with Ponty pressing hard to get on the board. Cowbridge showed great resolve in negating Ponty's game plan. **TD**

A sterling effort from the pack in set pieces pushed Ponty backwards on almost all occasions. However, with ball in hand, the Ponty backs were dangerous, and with 10 minutes to go, the Ponty full back broke through some tired tackles and looked set to score a fine try under the posts.

He was over the line and heading for the sticks, unaware that he was being tracked by centre Ioan Davies (playing his last match before relocating to west Wales) who stripped the ball from the unsuspecting player, resulting in a knock-on and no try - a match saving effort.

In the final 10 minutes, to their credit, Ponty threw everything at Cowbridge, running the ball on all occasions.

However, strong, resilient tackling from Charlie Locke and the other backs Oliver Jarman, Ioan Davies, Harry Howkins and Jake Williams, put paid to Ponty's aspirations, and Cowbridge held on to their slender lead with help from substitutes Sam Coates, Louis Decaux, Eli Greenwood and Jay Rees.

This was an incredibly intense, close fought match, which could have gone either way. However, with a strong performance to cap a season where the lads have really gelled as a unit and grown in strength and confidence, it was a fitting result, with Cowbridge running out winners, one try to nil.

The boys are a credit to themselves and have been well nurtured and developed by the coaches this season, Rich Williams, Rob Kiff and Rob Bartle.



Action from the game as Cowbridge beat Pontypridd by one try to nil.

RAIN STOPS PLAY FOR CRICKET TEAM

COWBRIDGE'S 1st XI were well on the way to victory at Porthcawl when forced to leave the field as a light drizzle decended.

Chasing a total of 214-8 Cowbridge were 128-2 in 20 overs, but the rain never lifted and Cowbridge were denied the chance to press home their dominant position.

At the time the rain came new captain Neil Brand was 63 not out and wicket-keeper Darren Van der Vyver 56 not out.

The bare statistics do not truly reflect the way the game went. After reducing Porthcawl to 9-2, including van der Vyver making a superb stumping, Porthcawl bludgeoned their way to a respectable total.

For a time it looked as though the total would be well above what finally accrued but it was the talented Russell brothers who put the brakes on, Joe getting 1-12 off 6 overs but Sam, at just 13 years of age, bowling like an old pro, and chipped in with 4-28 off 8 overs. We shall hear a lot more of these two as the season progresses. Cowbridge could not

have made worse start. Tom Merilaht was bowled with the first ball of the innings and Mike Lloyd went shortly afterwards.

Brand and van der Vyver however lifted the seige playing with the caution the situation demanded but despatching the bad ball.

By following this simple method the two put Cowbridge into what would have been a

winning position. There will be some concern at the effectiveness of the Cowbridge attack but no worries about the batting as the 1st XI look forward to welcoming Merthyr Tydfil on Saturday.

Sadly, there was no chance of play at Cowbridge where the rain made it impossible to even contemplate it. **JB**

The Penllyn bridge club April results

THURSDAY, April 2 (17 pairs):

1st Judith & Colin Nunn 62.01%, 2nd Margaret & Hugh Thomas 60%, 3rd Dot Williams & Pam Hanmer 58.21%. Thursday, April 9 (18 pairs): 1st Jo Isley & Allan Evans 58.24%, 2nd Rita Williams & Gill Harding 57.95%, 3rd Cath Domican & John Hunter 56.82%.

Thursday, April 16 (20 pairs): 1st John Lord & Jo Isley 65%, 2nd Diana Lewis & Myrtle Hansard 59.6%, 3rd Judith & Colin Nunn 59.34%. Thursday, April 23 (20 pairs): 1st John Lord & Jo Isley 61.93%, 2nd Julia Evans & Brian Tucker 61.94%, 3rd Wayne Stephens & Mary Wallis 59.72%. Thursday, April 30 (22 pairs, first round of Robert Brown Cup): 1st Keith Price & Mansel Thomas 64.56%, 2nd Colin Easterbrook & Viv Roberts 59.55%, 3rd Judith & Colin Nunn 58.86%. **CN**